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CYBORG 009

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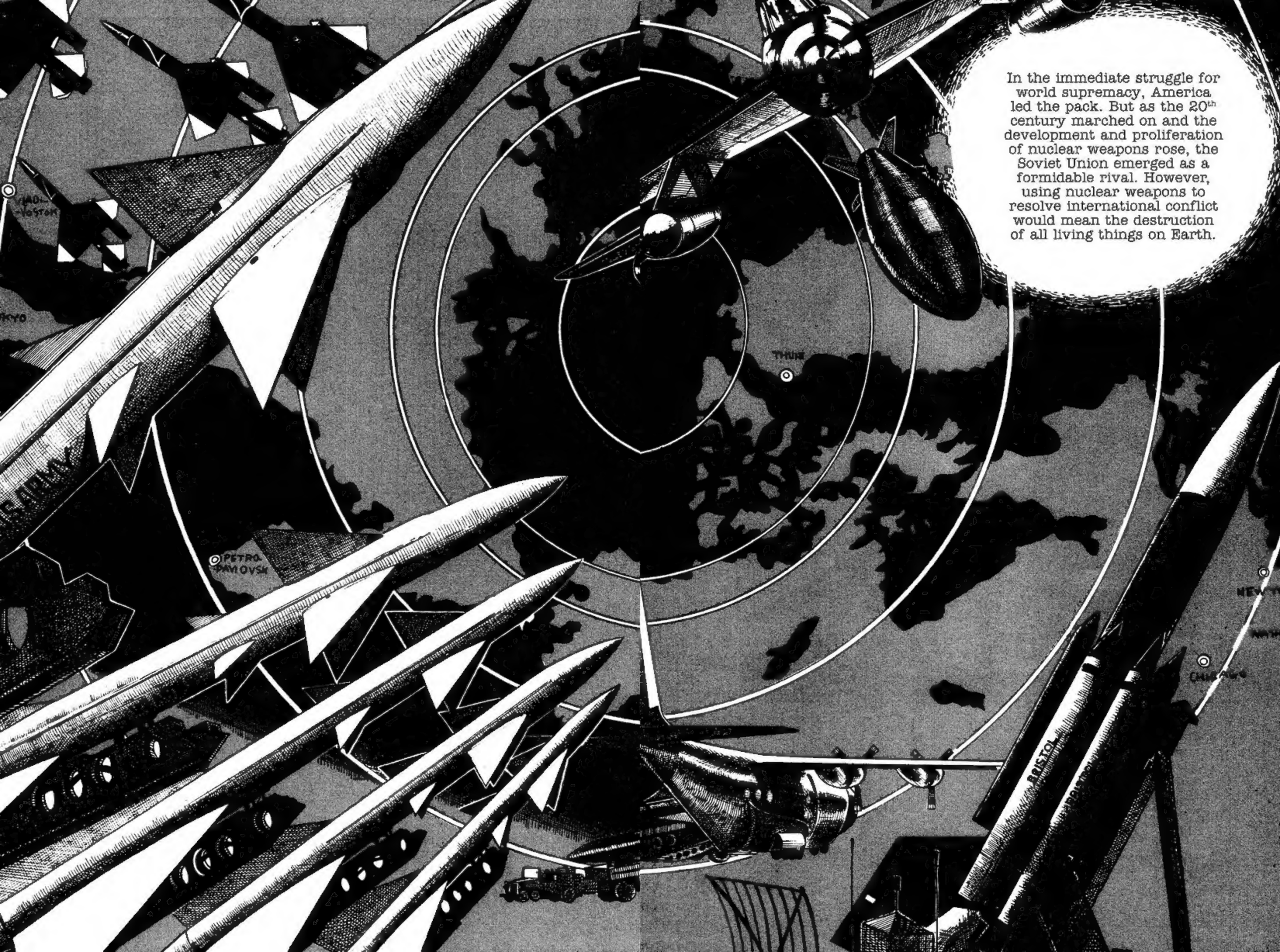
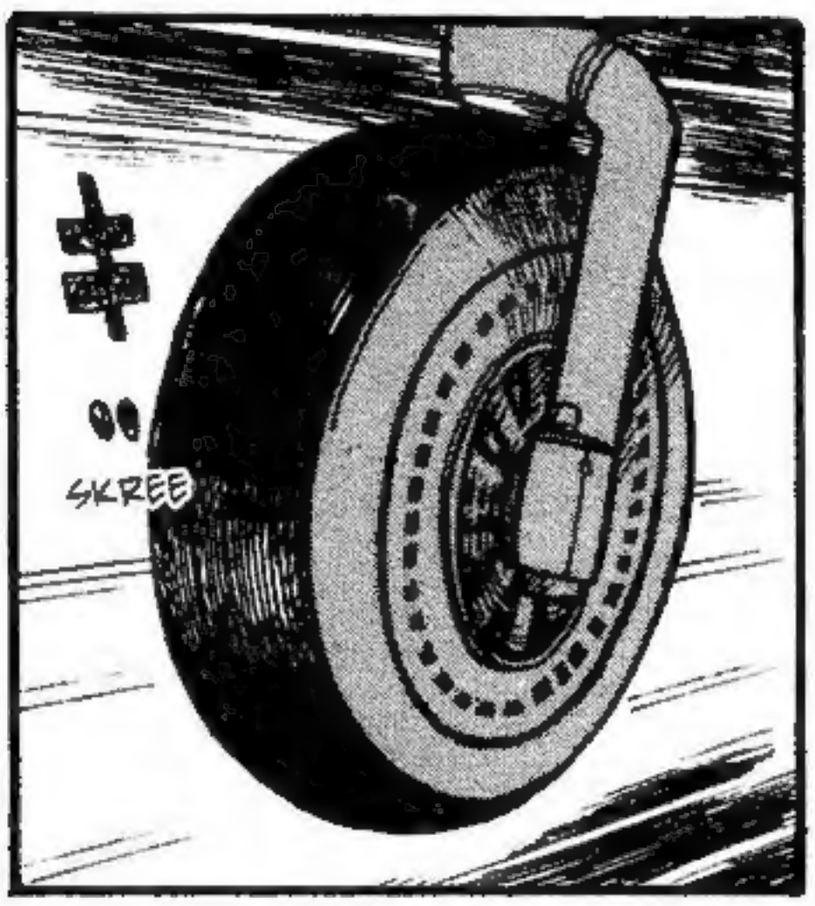
Prologue

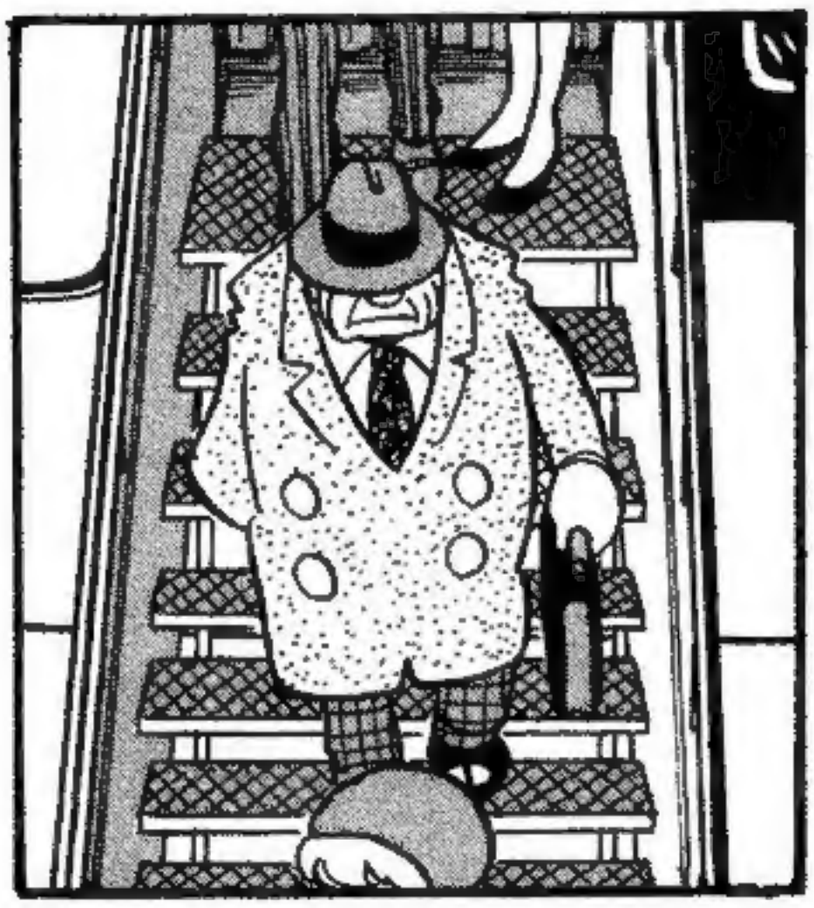
In 1945, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, drawing the curtain on World War II. But the coming of the atomic age ushered in a new global threat as nations became trapped in nuclear deadlock.


In the immediate struggle for world supremacy, America led the pack. But as the 20th century marched on and the development and proliferation of nuclear weapons rose, the Soviet Union emerged as a formidable rival. However, using nuclear weapons to resolve international conflict would mean the destruction of all living things on Earth.
THULE
PETRO-PAVLOVSK
BRISTOL
BRISTOL

In 1957, the Soviet Union entered the Space Age by putting the first man-made satellite into orbit. But the Space Age also led to the development of long-range rocket technology, making it possible for the emergent nuclear powers to launch inter-continental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) equipped with nuclear warheads.

VOOM





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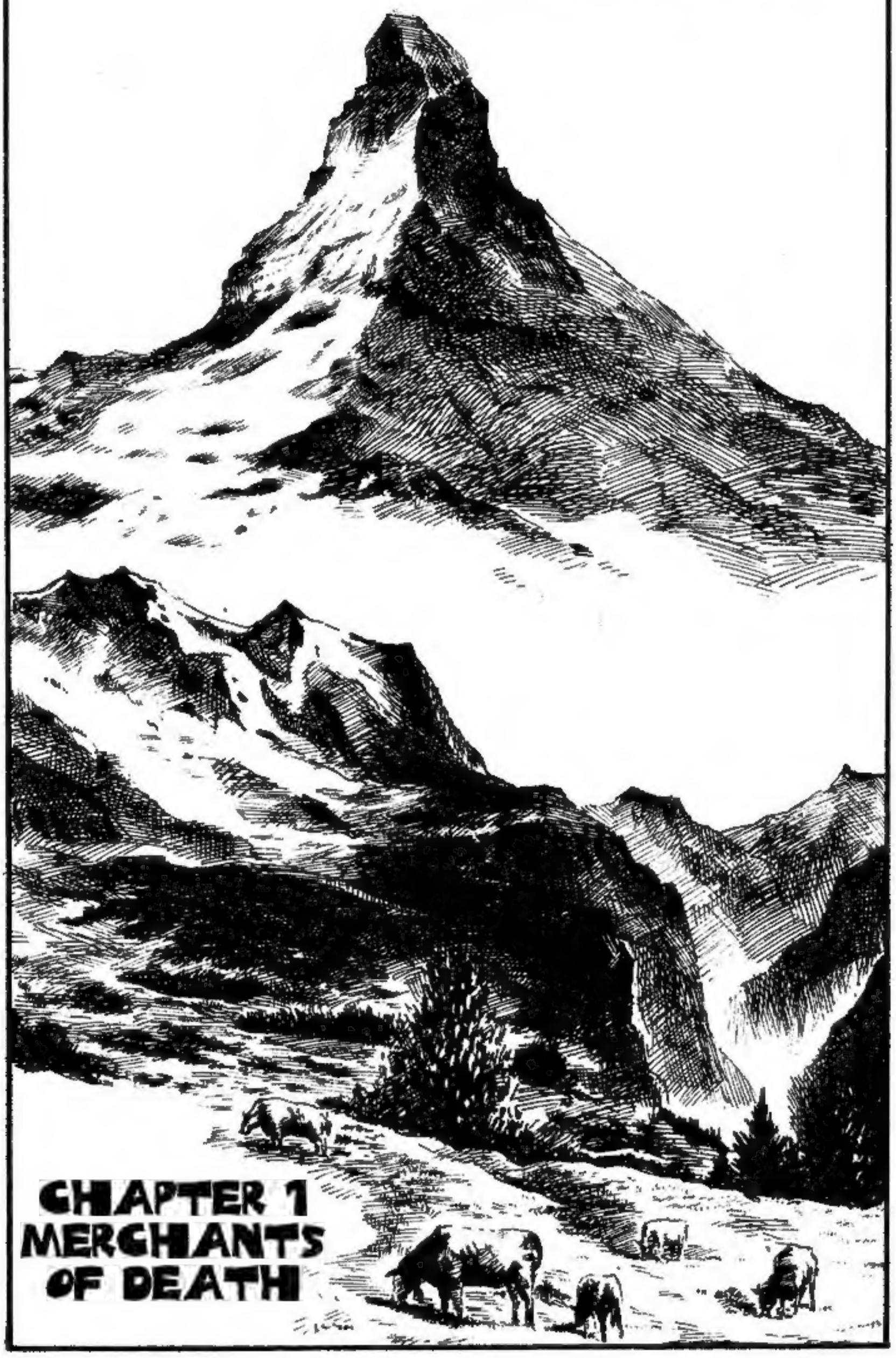
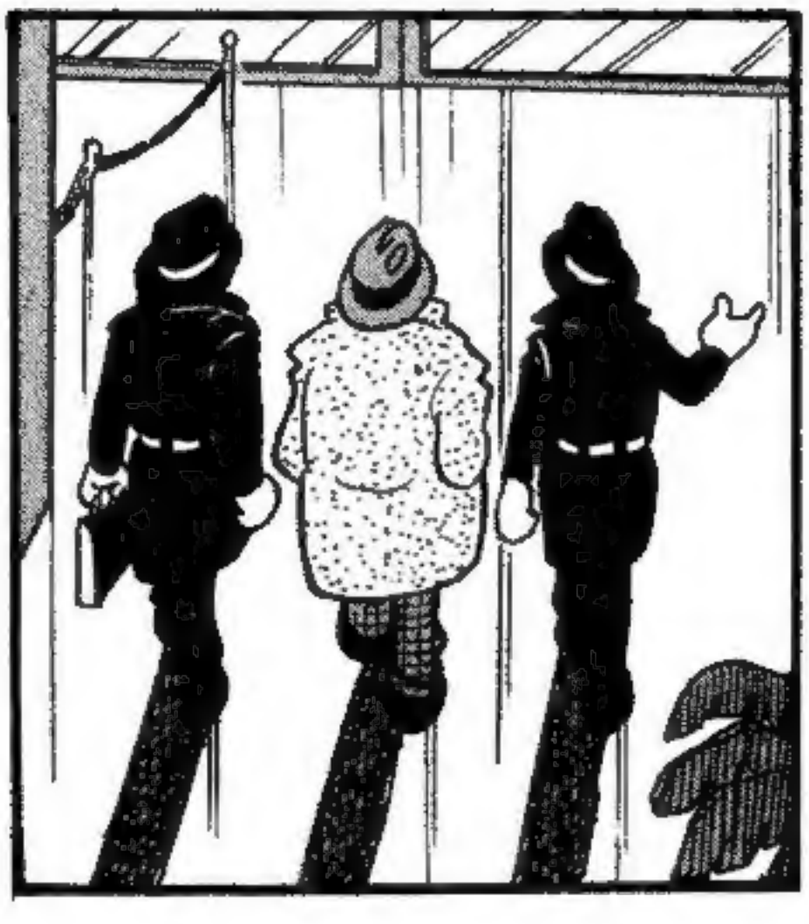


CHAPTER 1 MERCHANTS OF DEATH



SWISS AIR LINES

YES, THE OTHERS ARE ALREADY INSIDE. RIGHT THIS WAY, PLEASE.

IT'S REALLY SECLUDED.

SO, THIS IS THE PLACE.

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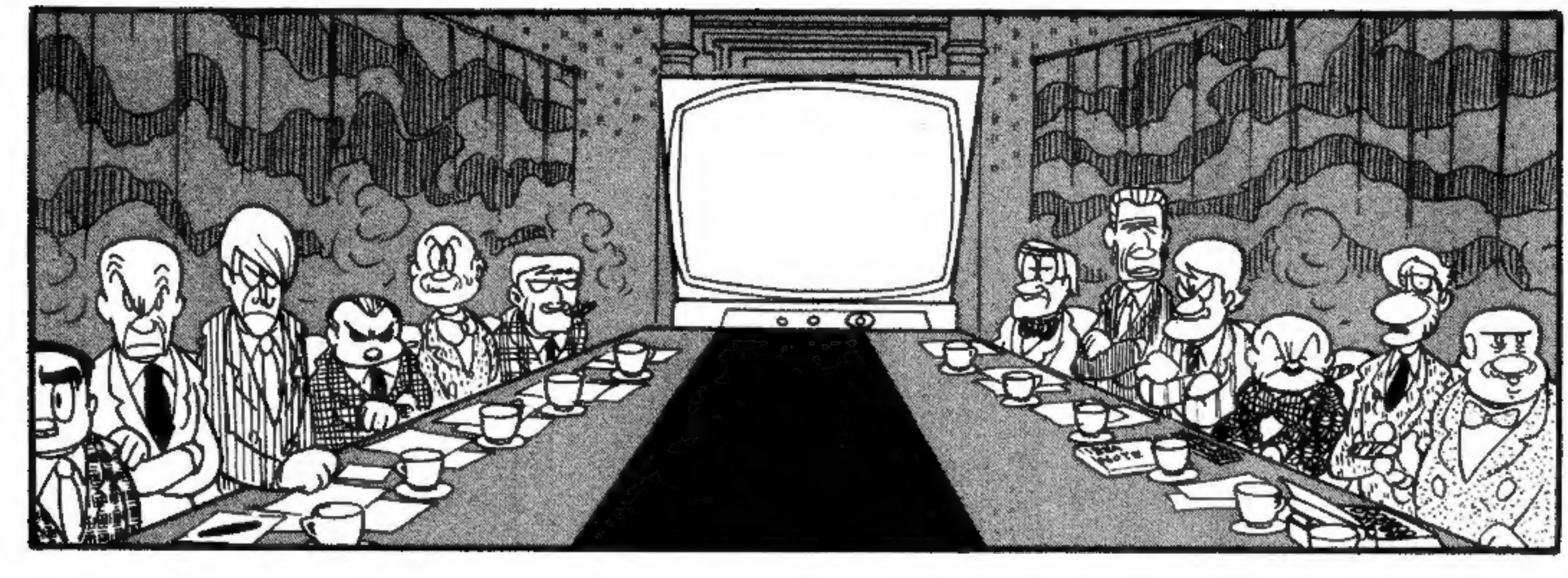
KREE



HA HA HA HA!

BYUN

LET'S GET STARTED.

FZZT

EVERYONE'S HERE, BOSS.

WE ALREADY HAD TO DRIVE OUT TO THIS GOD-FORSAKEN PLACE.

WE DON'T HAVE ALL DAY!

YEAH, WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?!

CUT THE CRAP AND GET TO THE POINT!

GENTLE-MEN, THANK YOU FOR--

ENOUGH! JUST TELL US YOUR PLAN. MY TIME IS PRECIOUS.

YEAH, WILL THE "FUTURISTIC WAR PLAN" CONTINUE AS DISCUSSED?

HA HA HA HA! THE PLAN IS INFALLIBLE. PLEASE, WATCH THE SCREEN.

HA HA HA HA! CALM DOWN, GENTLEMEN. YOU HAVE ALL BEEN SUMMONED HERE UNDER THE UTMOST SECRECY, AND I TRUST THAT IT WILL REMAIN TOP-SECRET.

SOCIETY LOATHES US. THE LAST THING WE WANT IS PEOPLE TO FIND OUT...

OF COURSE IT WILL! WE'RE ALREADY CALLED DEATH MERCHANTS.

YOU GENTLEMEN HAVE REAPED THE EXTRAORDINARY FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL BENEFITS OF DEVELOPING WEAPONS WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE IS THE UTTER ANNIHILATION OF THE EARTH. YOUR ENTIRE FORTUNES DEPEND ON YOUR ABILITY TO CONCOCT NEW WAYS OF EXTERMINATING MANKIND, AND, LUCKILY ENOUGH, THE POWERS THAT BE HAVE BEEN BEHIND YOU SO FAR. HOWEVER, THERE ARE THOSE OUT THERE MORE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING STRONGER INTERNATIONAL BONDS IN THE HOPES THAT IT WILL PRECIPITATE PEACE. THESE PEOPLE ARE THE ABERRATIONS IN THE CULTURE OF WAR WE IN THIS ROOM WISH TO PROPAGATE. SO, WE MUST FUEL THE FIRES OF WAR NOW, GENTLEMEN! HUMAN NATURE IS ALREADY WELL-EQUIPPED WITH A FIGHTING INSTINCT. ALL WE NEED DO NOW IS SPUR THAT INSTINCT INTO ACTION. AND FOR THAT PURPOSE, I HAVE DEVISED MY "FUTURISTIC WAR PLAN"...WHERE OUTER SPACE WILL BECOME THE NEXT BATTLEFIELD.

NOW IT IS TIME TO DEVELOP OUR SOLDIER. AN ENHANCED HUMAN BEING THAT CAN MOVE EASILY IN THE VACUUM OF SPACE, A SOLDIER THAT CAN FIGHT IN THE STRATOSPHERE. GENTLEMAN, I'M SPEAKING OF A CYBORG!

IN OUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS, WE HAVE DISCUSSED WEAPONS, AND HAVE SINCE DEVELOPED THEM ACCORDINGLY.

AND WAR ON THIS BATTLEFIELD WILL REQUIRE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TYPES OF WEAPONS AND SOLDIERS.

NOPE.

SEE ANY-THING?

QUIET AS A MOUSE.

CHIK

THE ADVAN-TAGES OF THE CYBORG OVER A ROBOT ARE ENUMERABLE.

CHAPTER 2
THE CYBORG LABORATORY

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

Moscow in summer...

ON MY WAY I HAD A STRANGE FEELING ABOUT WHAT YOU MIGHT BE UP TO.

AND JUST AS I SUSPECT-ED--

SLAM

ERIKA! I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU BACK SO SOON.

RJMBLE RJMBLE

BWA HA HA HA HA

I DID IT. IVAN'S BRAIN IS LIKE AN ADULT'S NOW.

WAIT A SECOND, ERIKA! HEAR ME OUT!

I SUCCESS-FULLY RECON-STRUCTED HIS BRAIN.

IT WORKED!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, ERIKA?

WHAT DID HE DO TO YOU? I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT YOU ALONE WITH HIM.

OHH, MY PRECIOUS, PRECIOUS IVAN...

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY IVAN?

ACTUALLY, NO. IT'S BEYOND THAT OF AN ADULT.

KABAM KABAM

FLASH

OUR CHILD IS NOT A GUINEA PIG FOR YOUR SICK EXPERI-MENTS!

I'M GOING TO THE POLICE! YOU'VE GONE MAD.

THE HUMAN BRAIN HAS ONLY BEEN ABLE TO TAP INTO A FRACTION OF ITS POTENTIAL.

BUT AS A RESULT OF MY OWN GENIUS, IVAN CAN NOW COMMAND THE BRAIN'S FULL POTENTIAL.

HE IS MY GREATEST SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT!

IVAN IS MINE.

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

D... DEAR ...

WHO... WHO ARE YOU?

PARDON, SIR. ARE YOU DOCTOR GAMO?

GULP!

KABAM

KABAM

WE ARE NOT THE POLICE.

PLEASE DON'T BE ALARMED.

WE'LL TALK ON THE WAY.

PLEASE, COME WITH US.

WHAT? I DON'T UNDER-STAND.

WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A GREAT SURGEON SUCH AS YOURSELF.

WE'RE TAKING YOU TO A PLACE FULL OF MARVELOUS SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT...

HEY, DOC, CHEER UP.

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU'D RATHER STAY HERE.

.....

HYUUU

AND WHERE IS THAT?

...AS WELL AS MANY OTHERS LIKE YOURSELF.

THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

Somewhere in the Pacific Ocean...

VOOM

WOW!

WELCOME TO CYBORG LAB X, DR. GAMO.

I'LL INTRO-DUCE YOU TO YOUR NEW COLLEAGUES AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

THERE'S A LOT TO SEE. PLEASE, ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU AROUND.

YES!

I'D LIKE THAT!

YES, SIR. WE'RE READY TO BEGIN!

HMM... AT LAST!

WITH DR. GAMO, THE TEAM IS COMPLETE.

ANY OTH-ERS?

CHAPTER 3

THE MEN IN BLACK

America...

GIVEN.

WE AWAIT YOUR ORDER, SIR.

THE SUB-JECTS?

TAKE THEM QUIETLY. LEAVE NO TRACE THAT YOU WERE EVER THERE.

DIFFE-RENT RACES, AGES, CULTURES.

WE NEED TEST SUBJECTS.

GRAB
GRAB
GRAB
FRUITS
Fruits
HEH HEH HEH.
YA LOUSY ...!
New York, The WestSide...
HMPH!!
WE GOT SHARKS!!
YO, JETS.
HEY! LET GO!
FWEET
FWEET
WE GOT SOME RULES IN THIS TOWN.
HEY, YOU!
JET

BOINK

FWIP

TOSS THAT!

LAST TIME I CHECKED, PUERTO RICO WAS SOUTH.

RULE ONE-- THIS IS OUR TURF, CHICOS.

OH, WANNA RUMBLE?

CLARO, HOMBRE!

SNIK

WE GOT ENOUGH OF YOUSE PRS!

HEH HEH HEH.

SNIK

LET'S GO, SPIC!

CHANG

GRIP

HUCK!

GLINT

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

ZU

ZU

ZU

COPS!

GULP

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

HOP IN!

WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU OUT.

HEH HEH HEH. WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE, SON.

WHA--? WHO ARE YOU?

Somewhere in the American Southwest...

HEY! WHAT'S UP, GERÓ-NIMO?

WHATEVER YOU DO, THE WHITE MAN WILL NOT CUT YOU A BREAK. WHY SHOULD HE? YOU'RE A FILTHY *INDIAN.*

HEH HEH HEH. LET ME GUESS. YOU COULDN'T GET A JOB.

AND THEY'LL SHELL OUT THE MOOLA TO SEE IT. HEH HEH HEH.

AUTHENTIC INDIAN CULTURAL RITUALS.

HEH HEH HEH. THOSE WHITE FAMILIES CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF IT.

SINCE YOU'RE CURRENTLY UNEM-PLOYED...

ME, ON THE OTHER HAND. I GOT A LOT TO OFFER YOU.

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN MY FOLK DANCE TROUPE?

POW

THE ONLY THING WE'RE MISSING IS A BIG OLD SCARY INDIAN CHIEF.

YOU INSULT OUR CULTURE LIKE THIS.

MY PEOPLE AREN'T SIDESHOW FREAKS!

BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS, RED!

WH- WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

STARVE! SEE IF I CARE!

YOU STUBBORN EXCUSE FOR A MORON!

WELL, EXCUSE ME!

GAAH

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I BELIEVE IT'D BE WORTH YOUR WHILE.

IT'S A LITTLE FAR FROM HOME, BUT...

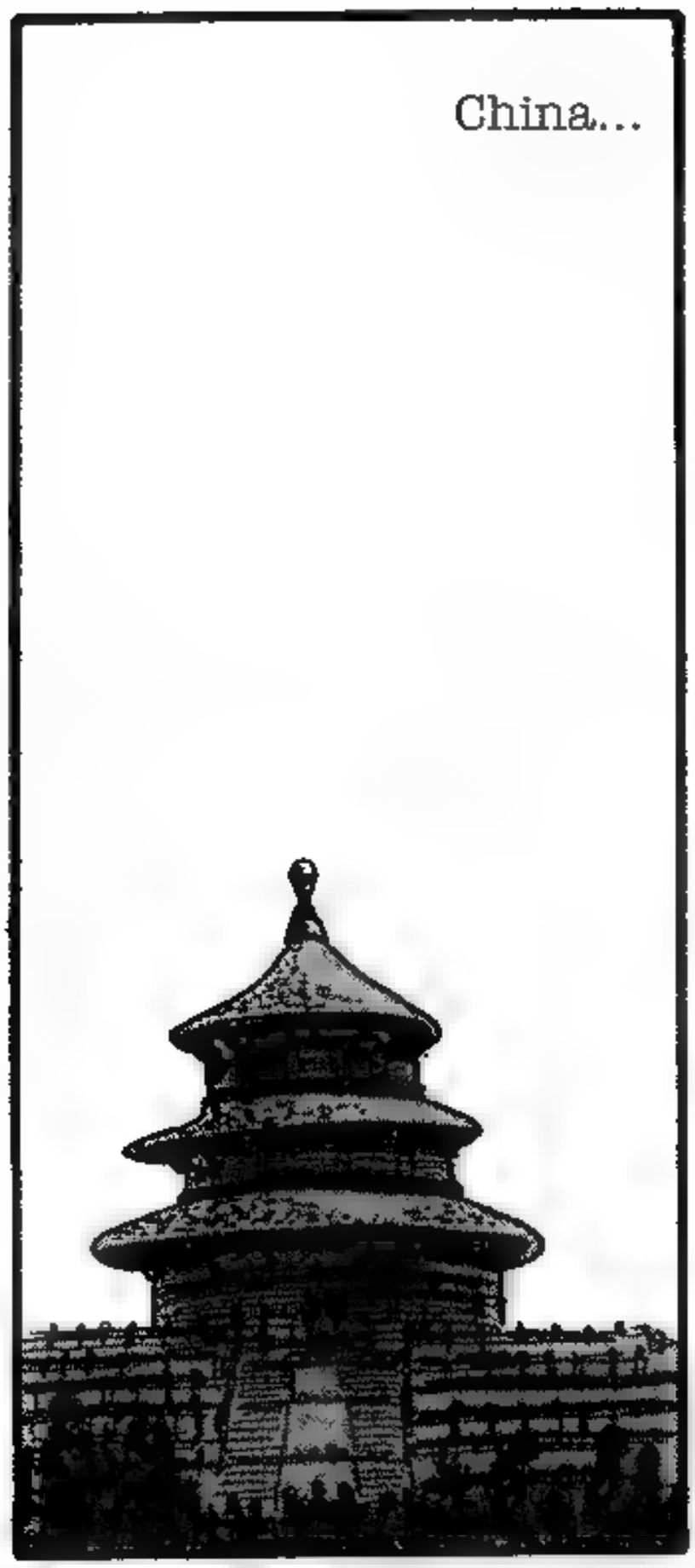
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR WORK, RIGHT?

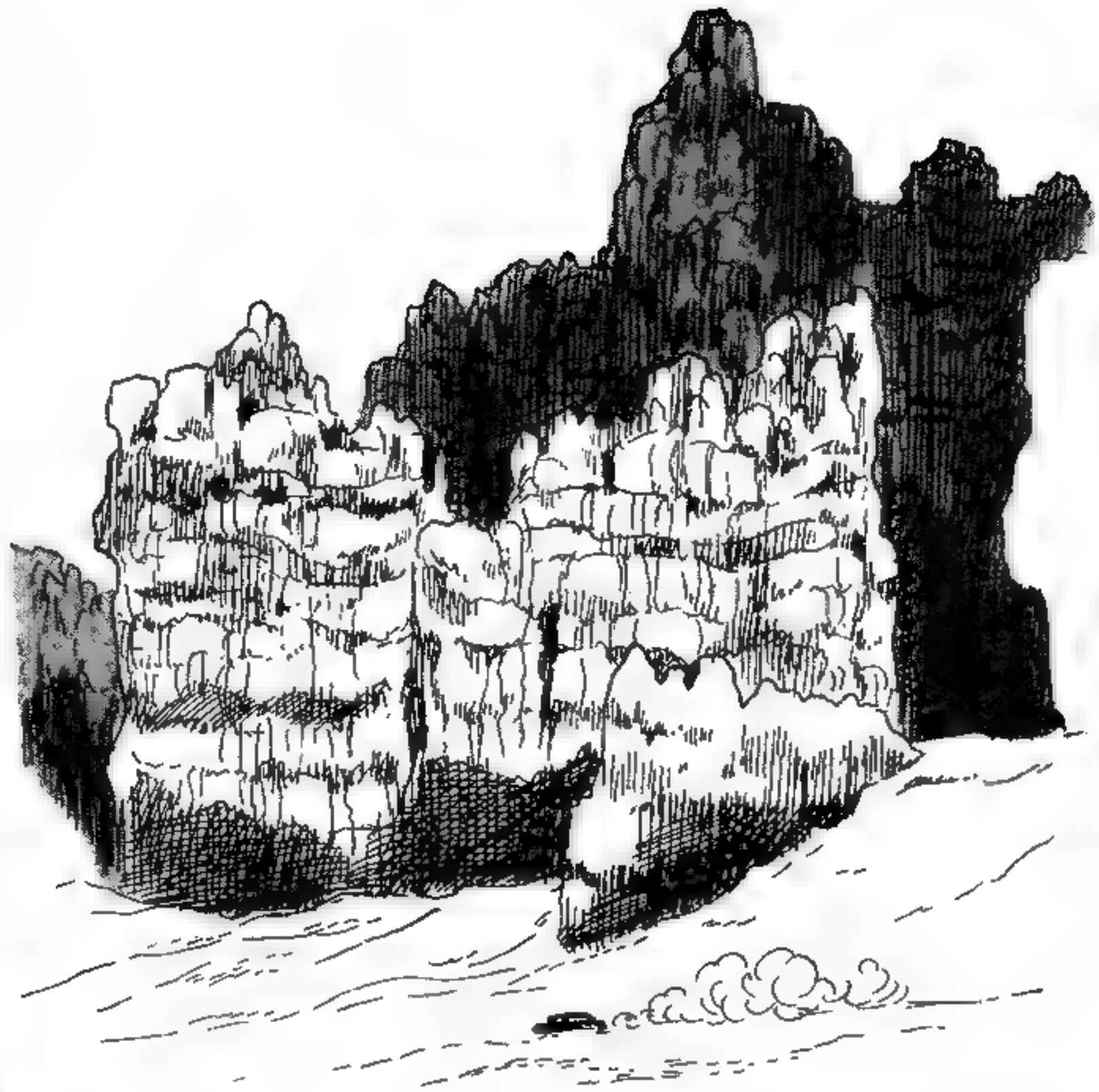
O- SI- YO.

I GO WHER- EVER I CAN.

WE HAVE NO HOME ANY- MORE.

China...





THERE'S NOTHING OUTSIDE TO EAT, AND I HAVE NO MONEY.
THERE'S NO MORE FOOD IN MY HOUSE...

...BUT WHAT'S NEW?
I'M SO HUNGRY...

GRRWL

THEY'RE SO HARD-ENED AND DIRTY.
JUST LOOK AT MY HANDS.
AAAH! HOW CAN I WORK SO HARD AND STAY SO POOR?

OINK
Pig
AND I'D BE LUCKY TO GET ONE STRIP OF BACON OFF YOUR HIDE.

NAMU AMIDABUTSU...

I MIGHT AS WELL DIE.

WHAT'S THE POINT OF LIVING?

MY HANDS ARE SORE, MY STOMACH EMPTY...

...AND THE TAXES KEEP COMING...

(*Buddhist sutra similar to a Hail Mary)

FHH

UGH.

CHIK

BANG

WHUMP

Berlin, Germany...

Newspaper: Nuclear Bomb Test Big Success!!

WE'LL BE FINE, HILDA.

WILL WE BE ALL RIGHT, ALBERT?

East Berlin...

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT. I DON'T THINK THEY'LL LET US PASS.

THIS LION IS AS TAME AS THEY COME.

JUST STAY ON ALL FOURS AND ACT LIKE...

CREEK

WE'VE GOT TO MAKE IT OUT THIS TIME.

A CIRCUS ANIMAL HANDLER IS THE PERFECT COVER.

SURE THEY WILL... WE'VE GOTTA TRY, AT LEAST.

ROAR.

AND DON'T EAT HER.

HEY, SIMBA, LAY OFF OF HER. SHE'S MY FUTURE BRIDE.

YEAH. BEAUTIFUL.

LIKE THIS?

VROOM

WE'LL MAKE IT, ALBERT.

ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO! GOOD LUCK, HILDA.

YEAH ...

HMM, HAGEBECK CIRCUS ANIMAL TRANSPORT OFFICIAL?

SHOW ME YOUR PASS.

HALT!

HMPH!

...WELL, THE SHOW REQUIRED TWO LIONS UNEXPE-CTEDLY.

I SEE TWO LIONS IN THIS CAGE, SIR.

ONE LION.

YES, YOU DO! BECAUSE UNDER THE SHOW'S CONDITIONS...

DANKE SCHON.

OKAY, PASS THROUGH!

ROAR

.....

WAIT!

VROOM

OH NO!

ZOOM

DAMN, HE FIGURED IT OUT!

HEY, WAIT!

KRAK

BADDA BADDA DA DA DA

FIRE!

HEY!

STOP THAT TRUCK!

DA DA DA

CRASH

SKREE

ZING

UHH!

PSHUJ

GROWL

SKREEE

HILDA!

SMASH

HILDA!

SOB...
SOB...
SOB...

HILDA!

AAAAH...

THUD

BUT THE MAN IS STILL ALIVE!

THE WOMAN IS DEAD.

ARE THEY ALL RIGHT?

HEY! HOLD ON, THERE!

VROOM

WE'LL TAKE HIM TO THE HOSPITAL OURSELVES.

IT WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME!

CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!

ANY SERIOUSLY DAMAGED PARTS WE'LL JUST REPLACE WITH CYBERNETIC UNITS.

WHAT?

ALL HE HAS TO DO IS LIVE.

JEAN!! I CAN GUESS WHERE YOU'RE HEADED.

ONE WEEK'S LEAVE! CHUCKLE, CHUCKLE.

CHUU

LA LA LA... THAT'S...

Paris, France...

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

SHEESH, HOW BORING.

TELL HER YOURSELF. I'M GOING TO MY LITTLE SISTER'S PLACE.

TELL YOU'RE GIRL HI FOR ME.

WE'RE COOL AIR FORCE FLYBOYS....

FLYING IN THE SKY, LOOKING FOR NEW TOYS....

I'M GOING TO THE TRAIN STATION TO MEET MY BROTHER.

WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO, MISS ARNOUL?

WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO A GIRL LIVING BY HERSELF?

A SCHOOL-GIRL LIVING IN A BOARDING HOUSE? GOOD CHOICE.

HOW ABOUT HER?

I HOPE I MAKE IT IN TIME!

OH NO, I SLEPT IN.

NO THANK YOU.

PERHAPS WE COULD OFFER YOU A LIFT?

EXCUSE ME, MADEMOI-SELLE. YOU SEEM IN A HURRY...

HER WHERE-ABOUTS COULD BECOME UNCERTAIN ANYTIME.

AAAH...

JUST GRAß HER!

GRR!!

YOU GUYS GIVE ME THE CREEPS. I'LL PASS.

BRUM

HEY! SHE'S BEING KIDNAP-PED!

WHAT THE HECK?

IS THAT FRAN-COISE?

CAN I BORROW THIS?

RATTLE

RATTLE

OUI?

OFFICER!

WHUP

NUTS! WHY NOW?

PARIS

WAH!

DA

DA

DA

RELAX, I'M JUST BORROW-ING IT!

THIEF!!

HEY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

WHAM

WAH!

GETTING CLOSER...

VROOM

VOOM

YEAH, YOU JUST RAN ME OVER!!

GOT 'EM!

CAN I BORROW YOUR CAR?

BANG

CHIK

BUT HOW DO I STOP 'EM?

SKREE

AIEE!

PUSH

WAH!

CLUCK

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コケ！

CLUCK

THEY GOT 'ER.

BLUB

BLUB

DAMN.

SPLASH

SPLASH

NO!! I CAN'T GIVE UP!

PARIS FLIGHT LODGE

A Private Club for Aircraft Enthusiasts

THIS IS THE CAR!

AAAH!

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

MEMBERS ONLY, PLEASE.

UH... NO?

ARE YOU A MEMBER?

AH, FORGET IT!

BOIK

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!

LOOK! THAT'S MY LITTLE SISTER!

HUH?

WHOOSH

VROOM

WAIT!

MX50ZX

OOF!

I NEED TO USE YOUR PLANE!

HEY, ACE!

I HAVEN'T EVEN FUELED IT YET!

HUH?! WAIT! HEY!

COME ON, BABY! WORK UP SOME SPEED!

WHAT DID HE SAY?

I'LL NEVER CATCH THEM LIKE THIS.

AHHH! I'M OUT OF GAS?

GAKUN

!!!

London, England...

FRANÇOISE!

BAIL OUT!

POOK

FSSH

SAKABA

YIKES!

WANNA ROOM, BRING DA STERLING!

BAR SAKI

HIC

BE A BLOKE AND LET ME IN.

SAKHARA

THUD

SOME OLE' FAMOUS STAGEY. CALLED 'IMSELF GREAT BRITAIN.

WHO WAS THAT?

?!

HMPH

SPLASH

QUID DON'T JUST PO'R FRAM HEAV'N.

BAR BA

AH, WHY BE A WALLY?

SHIVER

SHIVER

ACHOO

ET TU, TAVERN MASTER?

HAMMY NOW, AIN'T HE?

AN ACTOR, EH?

HE'S A WASHED UP BOOZER NOW'DAYS.

TOSS

THAT'LL DO JUST FINE!

EVENING, FELLAS. ANY BOOZE OR FAGS OR OTHER POISON TO STAVE THE PAINS OF HUNGER?

Africa...

WHEE!

VRRM

DAMN, I ALMOST GOT THIS THING OFF.

THEY'RE HERE!

GAAN

VMM

HA! GOT IT!

KACHAK

MOVE ALONG. PLENTY OF ROOM FOR ALL!

HERE YA GO. SIXTY SLAVES, AS YOU REQUESTED.

BAP

WILL YOU JUST STOP!

LITTLE BASTARD.

TMP TMP

WHOA!

HEY! WE GOT A RUNNER!

WELL, MOVE!

TMP

TMP

I DON'T WANT TO BE A SLAVE!

NO! GET AWAY!

AH, NOW WE GOT YA, YA SLIPPERY BUGGER?

Q.

THUD

BANG

BANG

WHY, I OUTTA SHOOT YOU JUST FOR WHINING 'BOUT IT.

MM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

AH, MAN! YOU'RE SLAVE PUSHERS TOO?

WILL YOU COME WITH US?

WE'RE IN CYBERNETICS. HEH HEH HEH.

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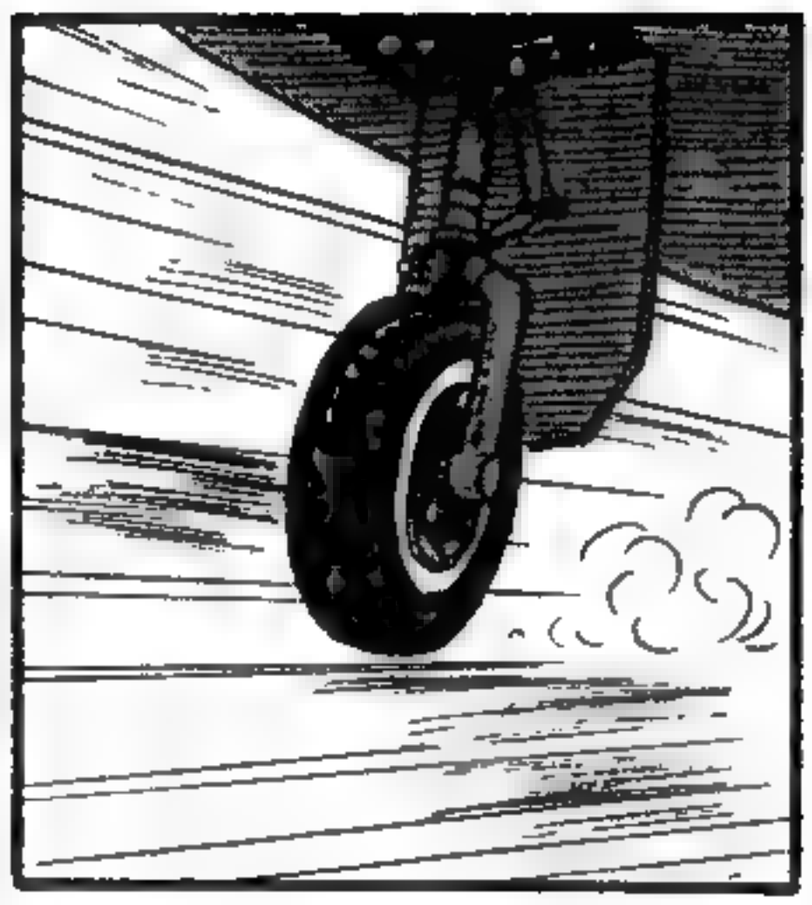
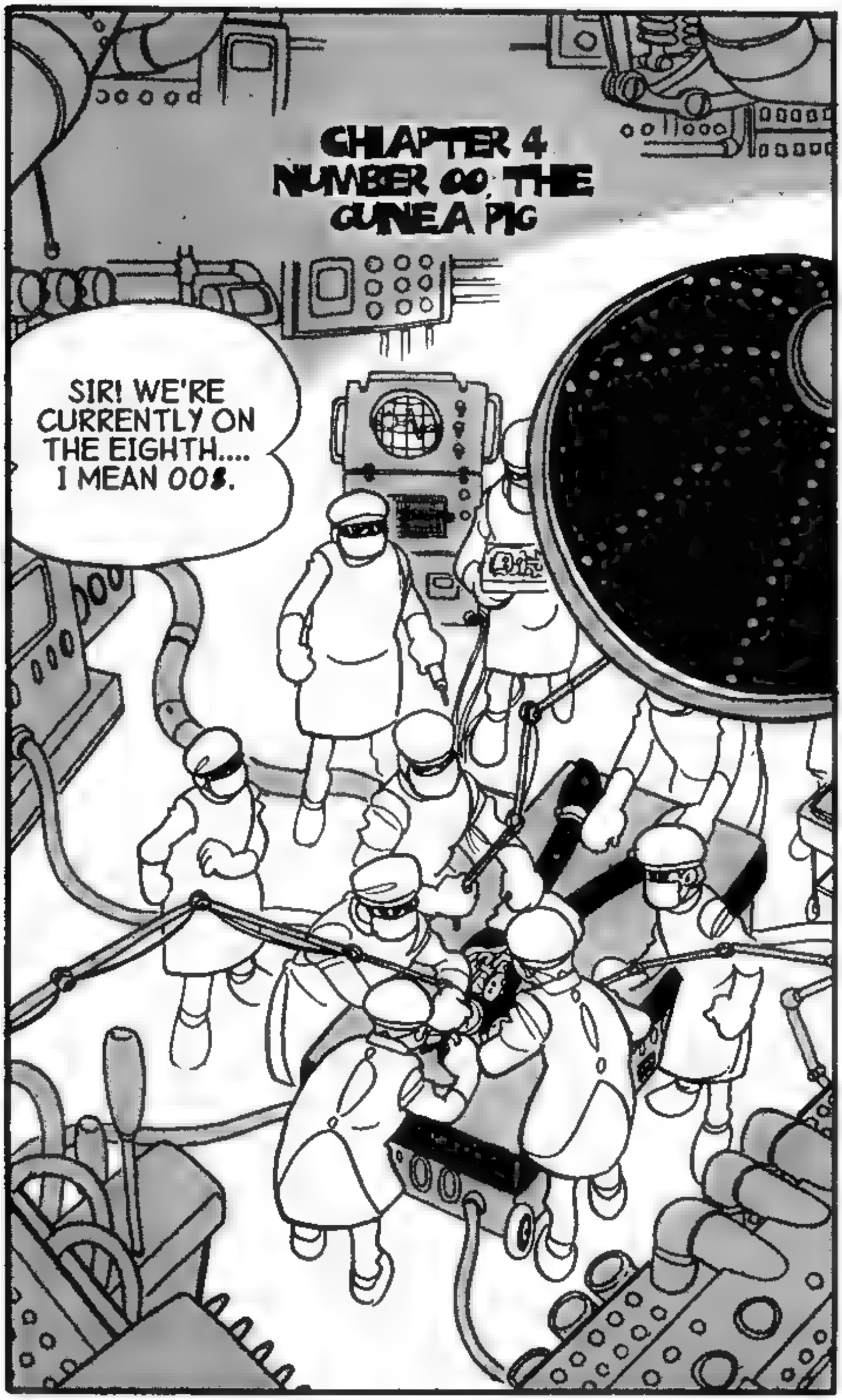
NOPE.

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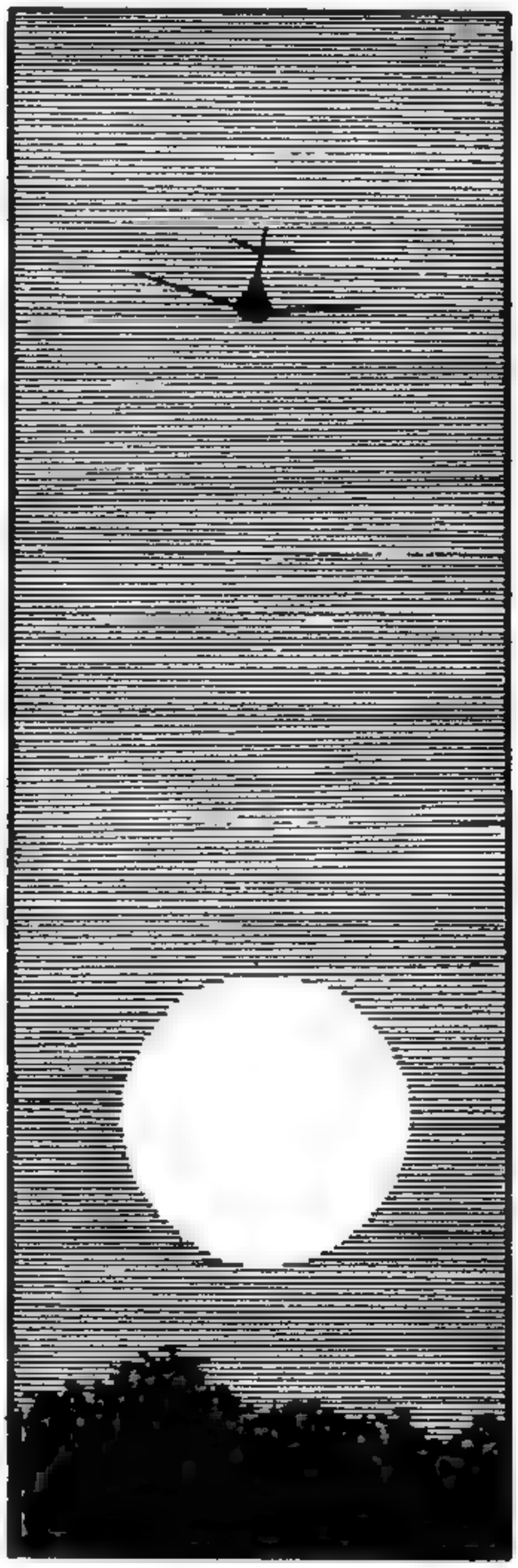
NUMBER 00, THE GUINEA PIG
SIR! WE'RE CURRENTLY ON THE EIGHTH.... I MEAN 008.



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RECONSTRUCTION Room

008 WILL HAVE INCREDIBLE AQUATIC ABILITIES.

WE'VE IMPLANTED AN OXYGEN GAS COMPRESSOR IN HIS INTERNAL ORGANS.

IT WILL FUNCTION IN THE WAY GILLS DO FOR FISH.

004 'S WHOLE BODY HAS BECOME A WEAPON.

007 CAN REMODEL HIS CELLULAR STRUCTURE TO CHANGE HIS BODY INTO ANY SHAPE HE CHOOSES.

006 CAN SHOOT FLAMES FROM HIS MOUTH AND EASILY HIDE HIMSELF IN ROCK.

001 IS AN INFANT, BUT ITS ELECTRONIC BRAIN FAR EXCEEDS ITS CREATOR'S EXPECTATIONS.

THEY'VE ALREADY BEGUN TESTING EXERCISES.

WE HAVE ALREADY FINISHED THE PROCEDURE ON 001 THROUGH 007.

WE'VE GRAFTED ARMORED SKIN ONTO 005 AND ENHANCED HIS STRENGTH CAPACITY.

SHUU SHUU

002 CAN NOW FLY THROUGH THE AIR AT SPEEDS OF UP TO MACH 5.

003 HAS BEEN OUTFITTED WITH HEIGHTENED SENSORY ACUITY.

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED. COME TO THE RECON-STRUCTION ROOM AND SEE.

AND WHAT KIND OF CYBERNETIC ABILITY WILL 008 HAVE?

HA HA HA, I SEE! ALL QUITE GOOD.

I WANT MY CYBORG BATTALION COMPLETE IN A DAY.

HOW IS THE SEARCH GOING FOR THE NEXT ONE?

GOOD.

EXCEL-LENT!

HIS BODY FRAME HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND CRUSHING DEEP-SEA PRESSURE.

WE HAVE COMPLETELY REPLACED HIS LUNGS, HEART AND STOMACH WITH CYBERNETIC ORGANS.

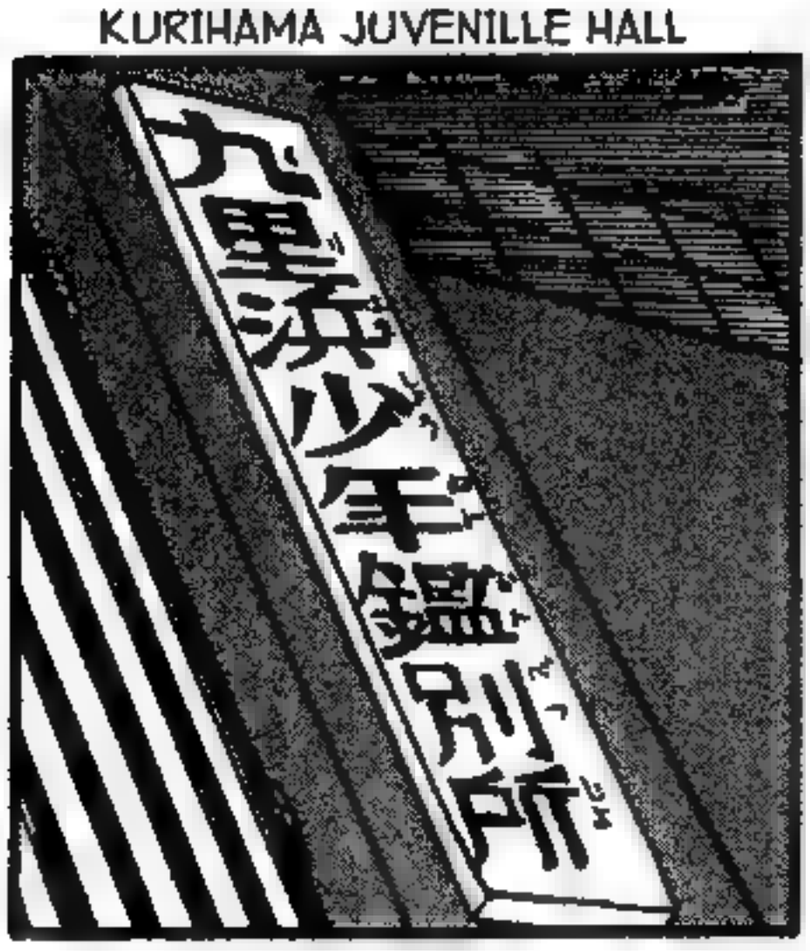
Japan...

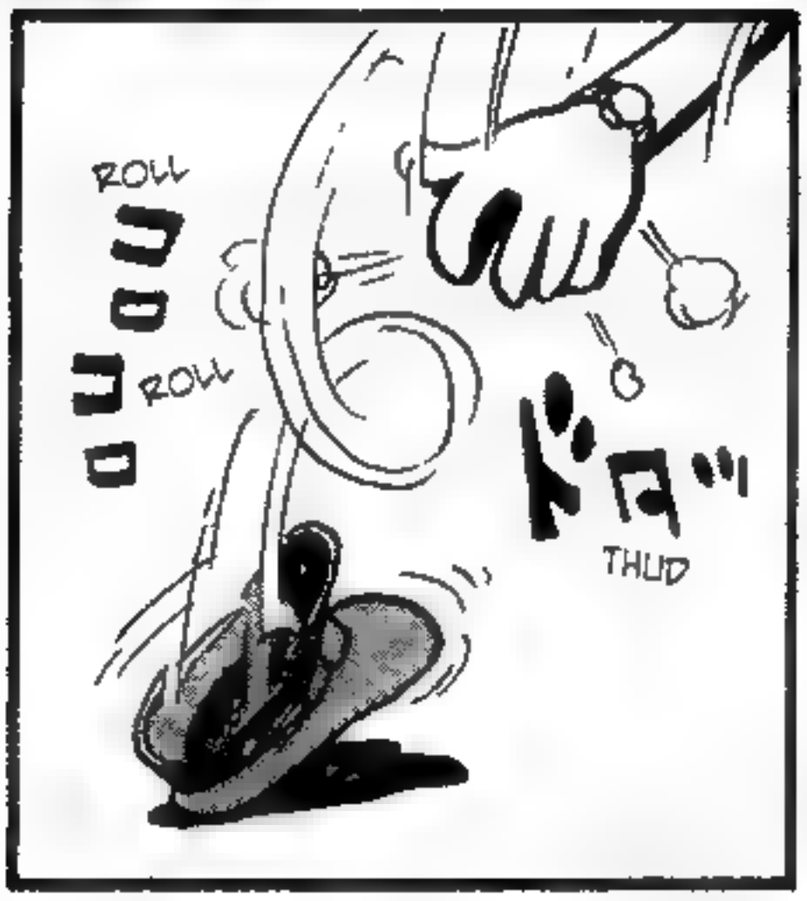
CHAPTER 5
BIRTH OF 009

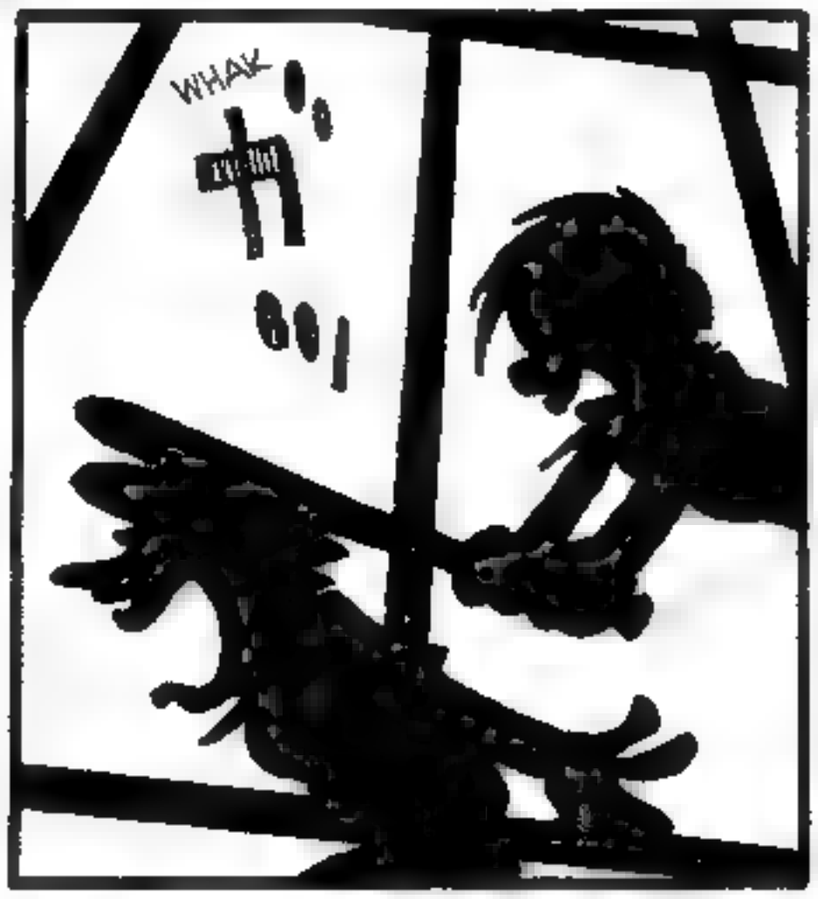
OUR AGENTS IN JAPAN HAVE JUST REPORTED IN.

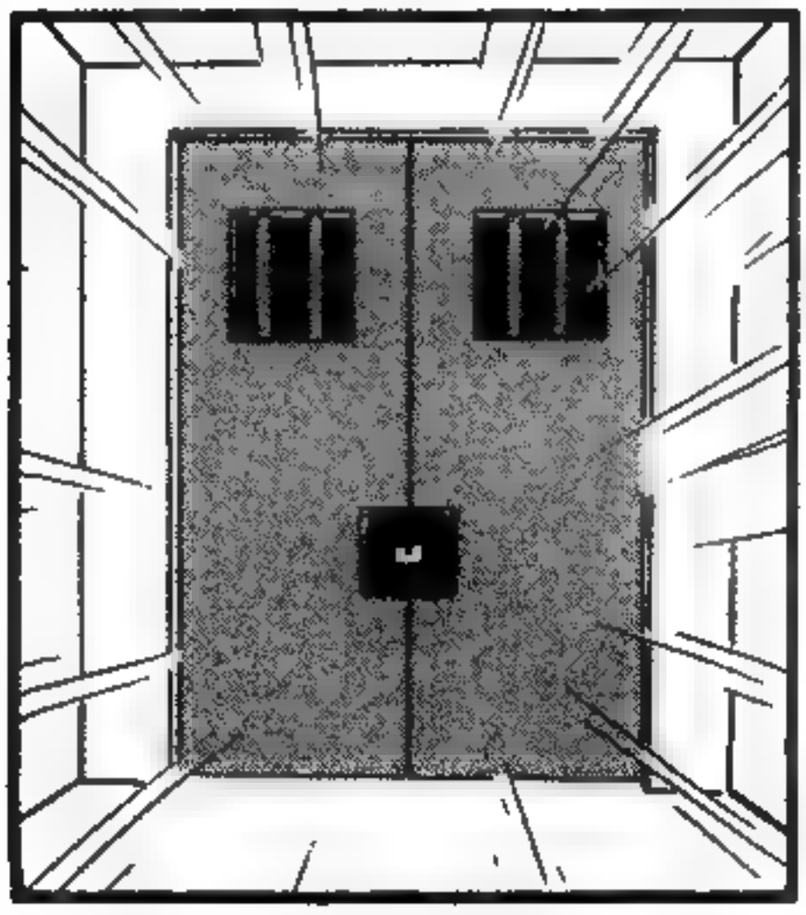
THEY BELIEVE THEY'VE FOUND A SUITABLE CANDIDATE.

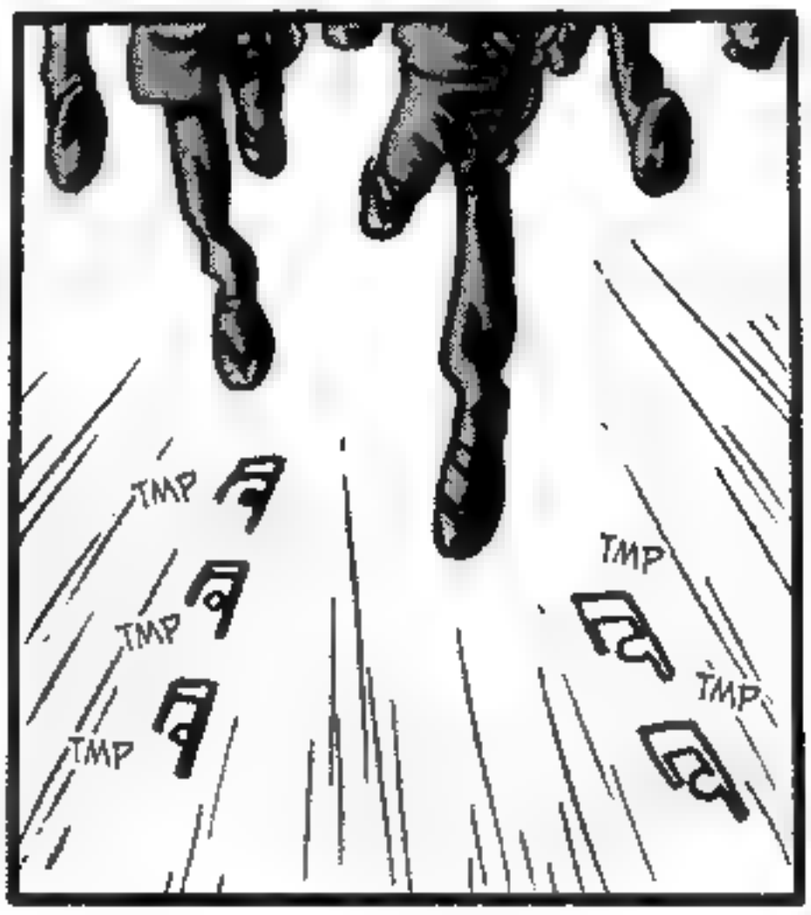
KURIHAMA JUVENILLE HALL











TMP

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GLARE

FWUP

GLARE

GLARE

GLARE

USE YOUR BLANKET!

STOP THEM!!!

OH MY GOD!

GRAB

GOT YA, YA LITTLE BASTARD.

HEY, GET BACK HERE!

WHAT'S WRONG?

OUCH!

OW!

THUD

ZUUP

BUT--

THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND US!

HEY! LEAVE HIM.

CAN YOU MOVE YOUR LEG?

NO, PLEASE. DON'T LEAVE ME!

SLAM

YOU WANNA GO BACK THERE?!

POLICE!

THERE'S BEEN A BREAK-OUT!

WE NEED BACK UP!

NO! I CAN'T GO BACK.

WEE-OO

THEY DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME.

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

THIS WAY!

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

WEE-OO

WE HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER ROAD.

DAMN, A ROAD-BLOCK!

NOW WHAT?

THERE'S BEEN A BREAK-OUT AT KURIHAMA.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

SKEE

VRRM

VROM

VRRM

THANKS. GOOD LUCK, MEN.

BE CAREFUL, SIR.

...BUT FIVE OR SIX ARE STILL OUT THERE.

WE GOT MOST OF 'EM...

BZZZ

CHAK

LET'S SEE IF THIS WORKS.

WE CAN GRAB ONE OF THE RUNAWAYS.

DID YOU HEAR THAT?

BZZZ

BZZZ

BZZZ

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

BZZZ

WHAT? YEAH. TOKYO SOUNDS GOOD.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, JOE?

I THINK I'M GOING TO GO LAY LOW IN TOKYO.

LET'S GO.

THERE THEY ARE.

ROLLED RIGHT OUT OF THE ORPHANAGE AND STRAIGHT INTO JUVEY.

BZZZ

NOPE. I'M ALL ALONE.

NO PARENTS?

NO BROTHERS OR SISTERS?

IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S ANYONE OUT THERE FOR ME.

ANYWHERE BUT HERE IS FINE WITH ME.

SLAM

WHAT?

BZZZ

CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT MY FOLKS LOOKED LIKE.

NO!

RUN!

THEY FOUND US!

PSSH

GUN!

GUHH ...

UHH-HHH...

FWW

GASP...

UHH ...

SLUMP

LOAD HIM UP.

I DON'T CARE. THIS ONE.

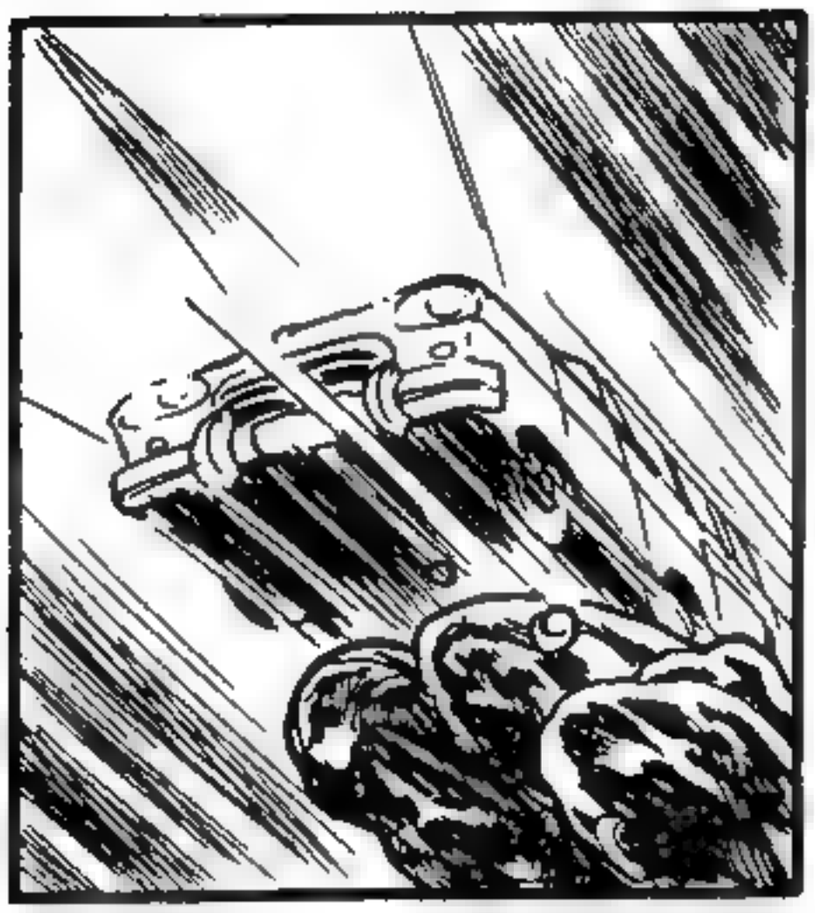
SO, WHICH ONE?

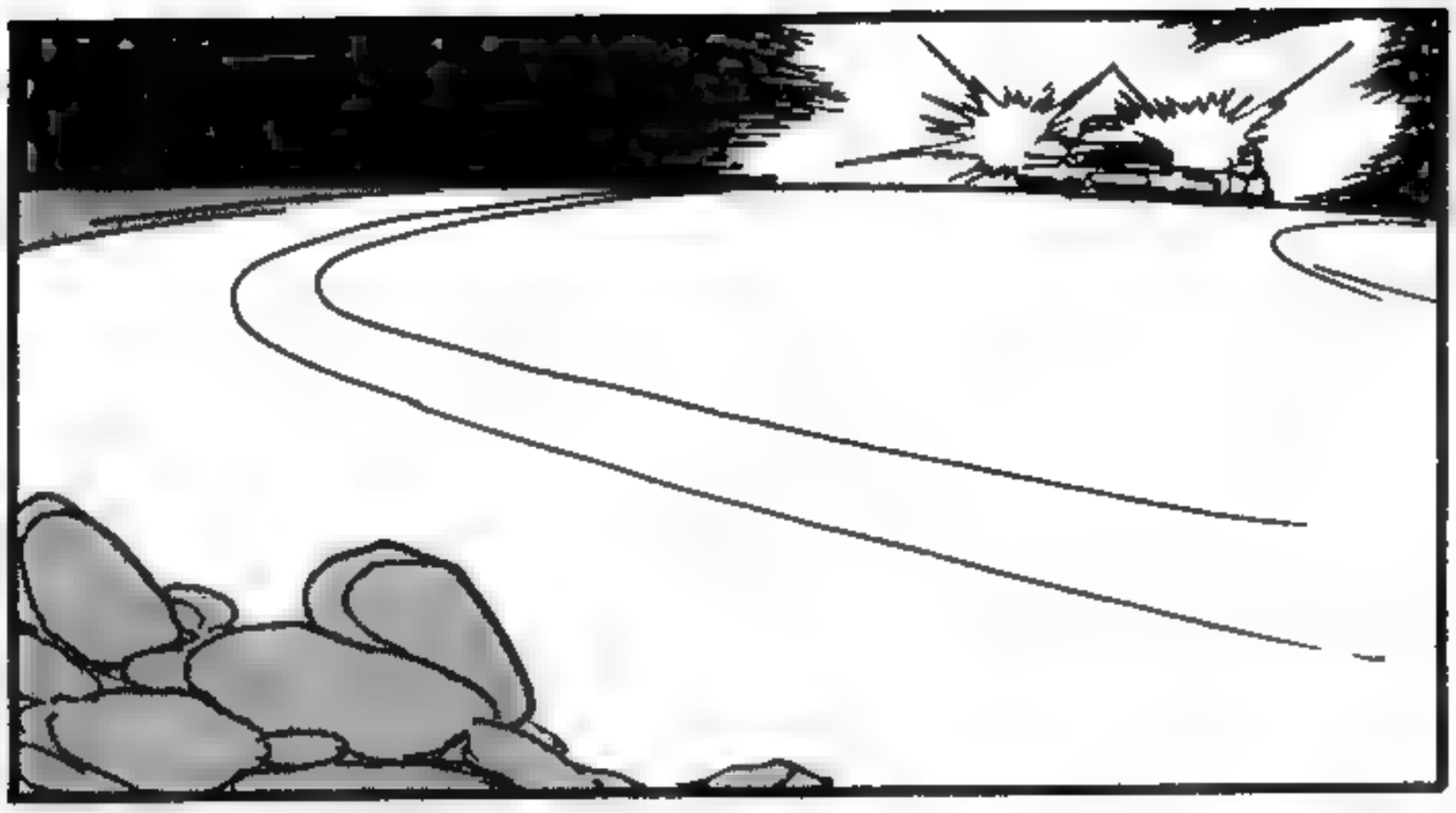
SLAM

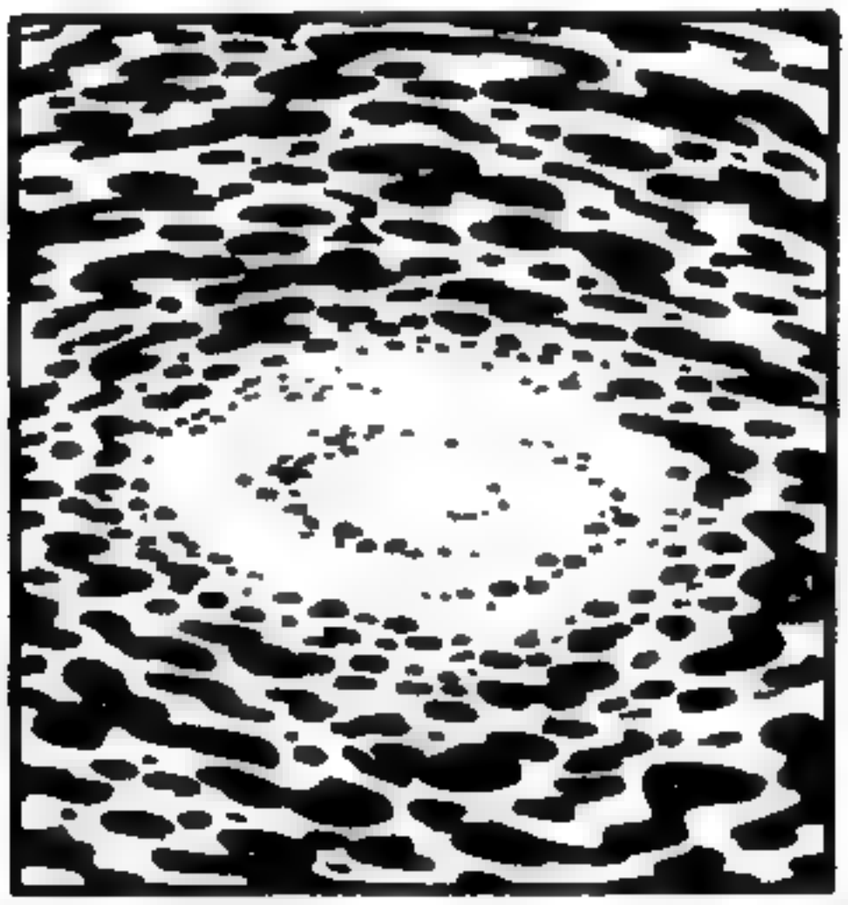
GACHAK

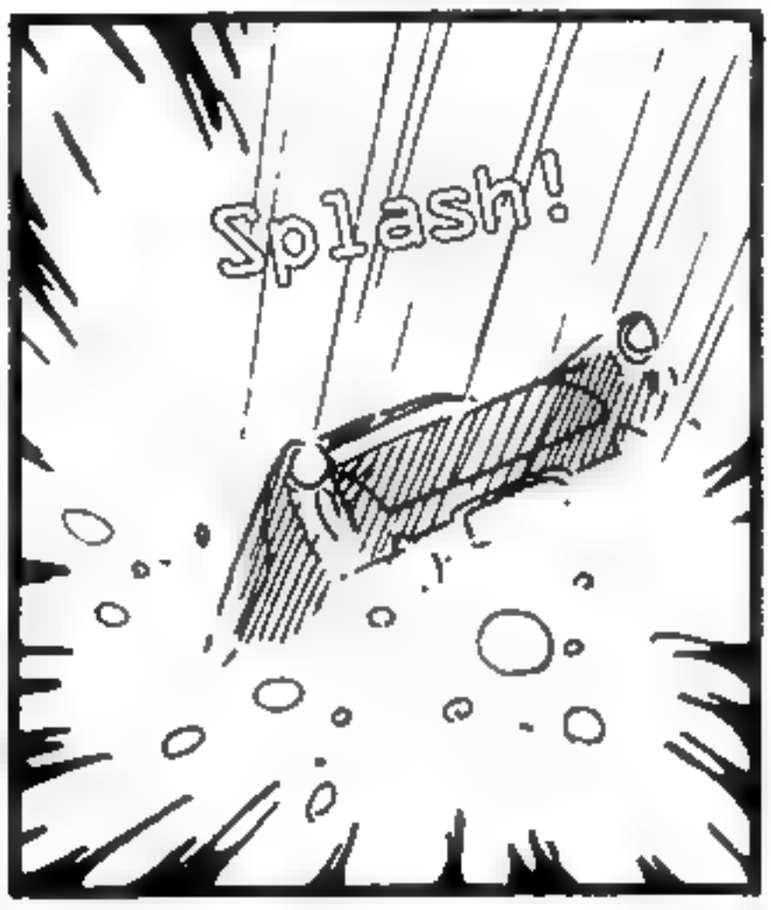
ZOOM

VRRRM





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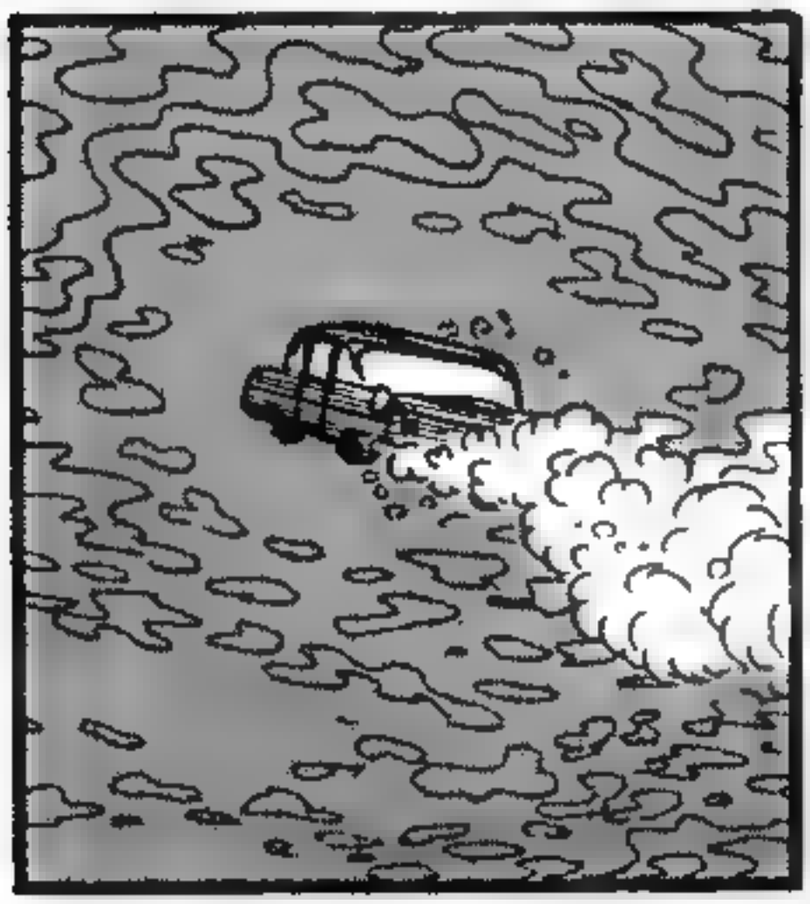

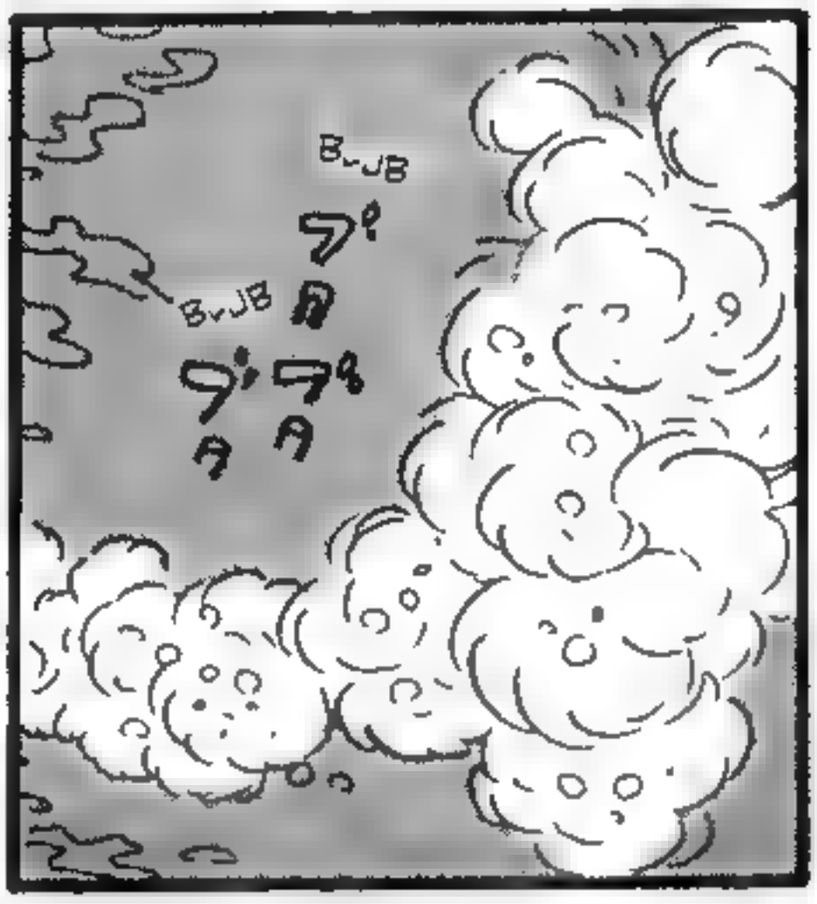
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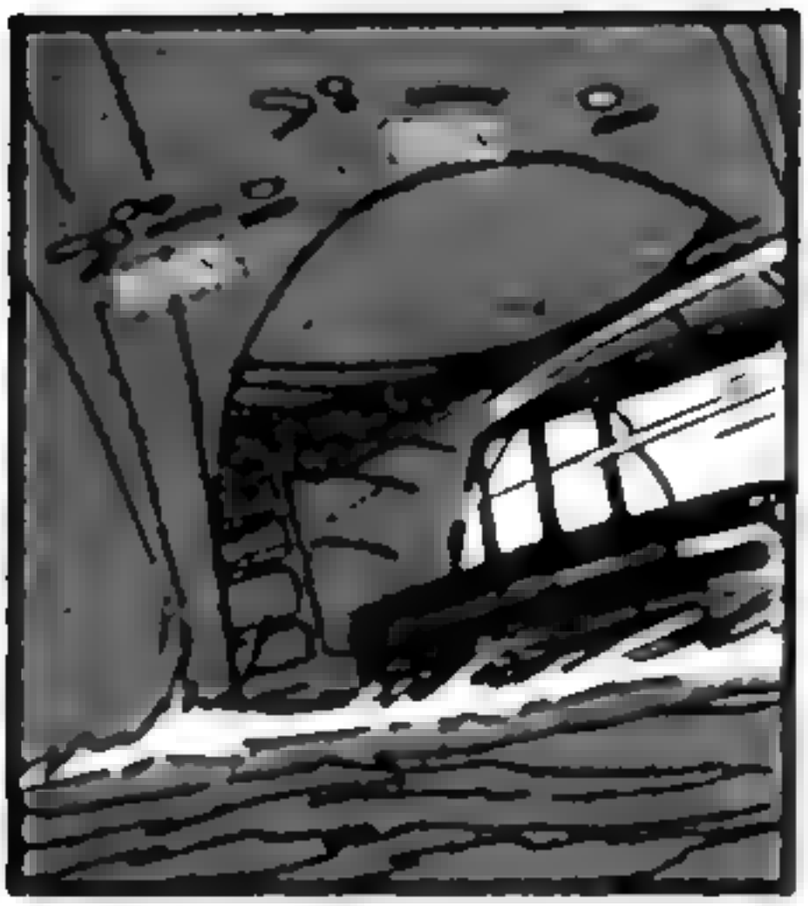
ZA
ZA

SPSS



CHAK
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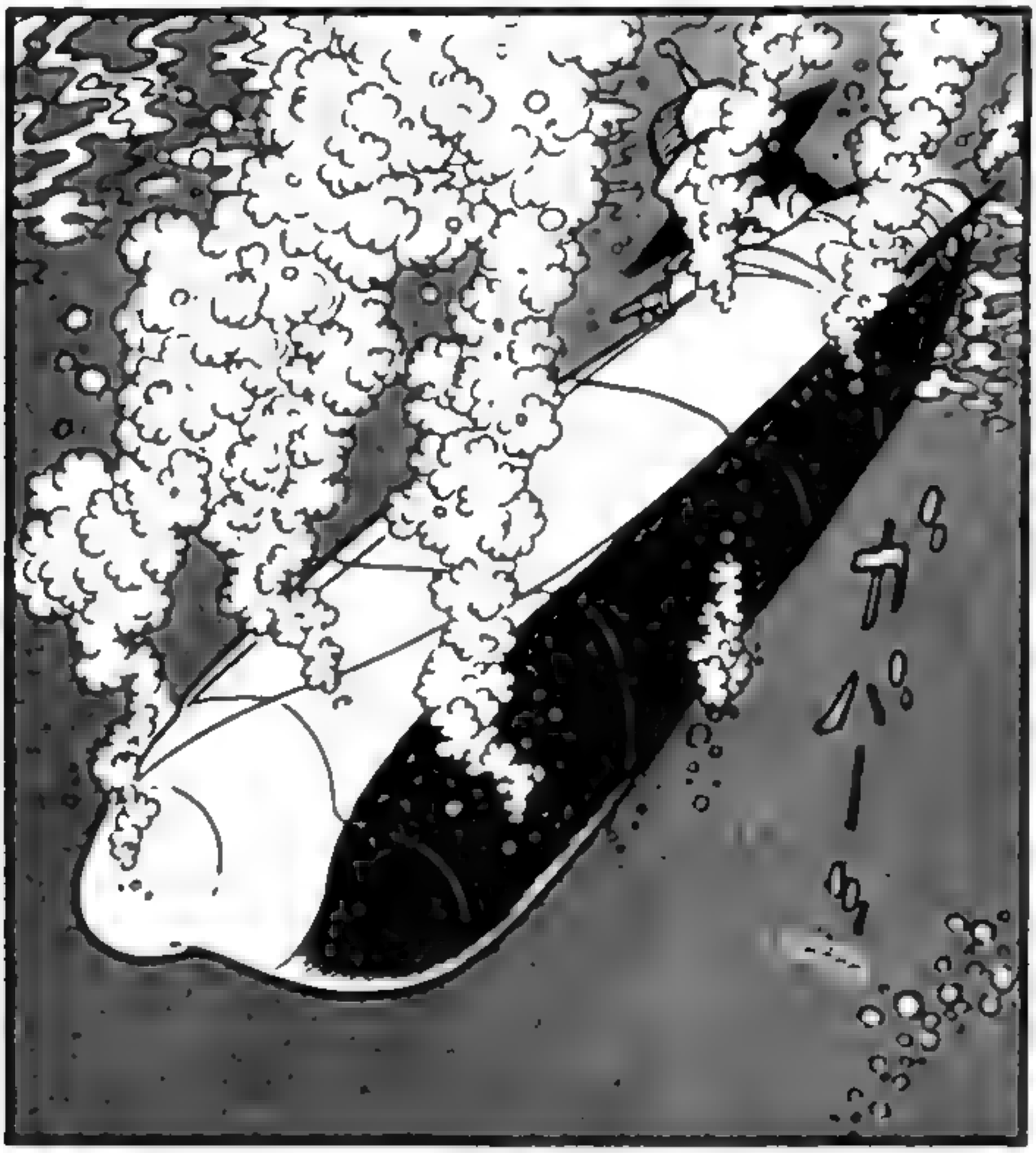
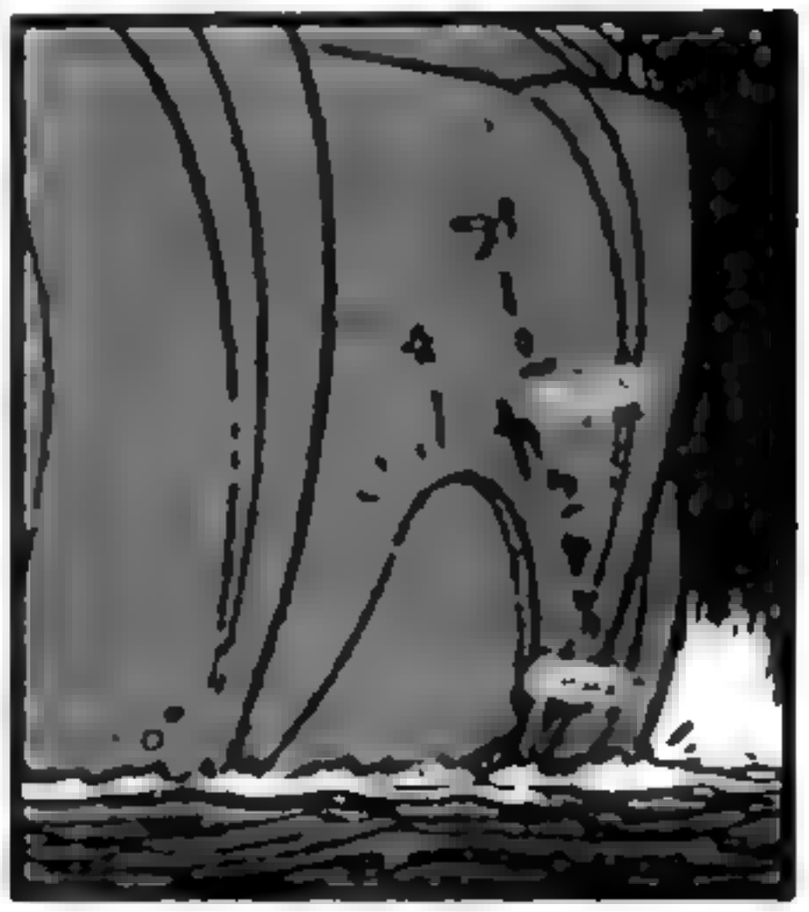
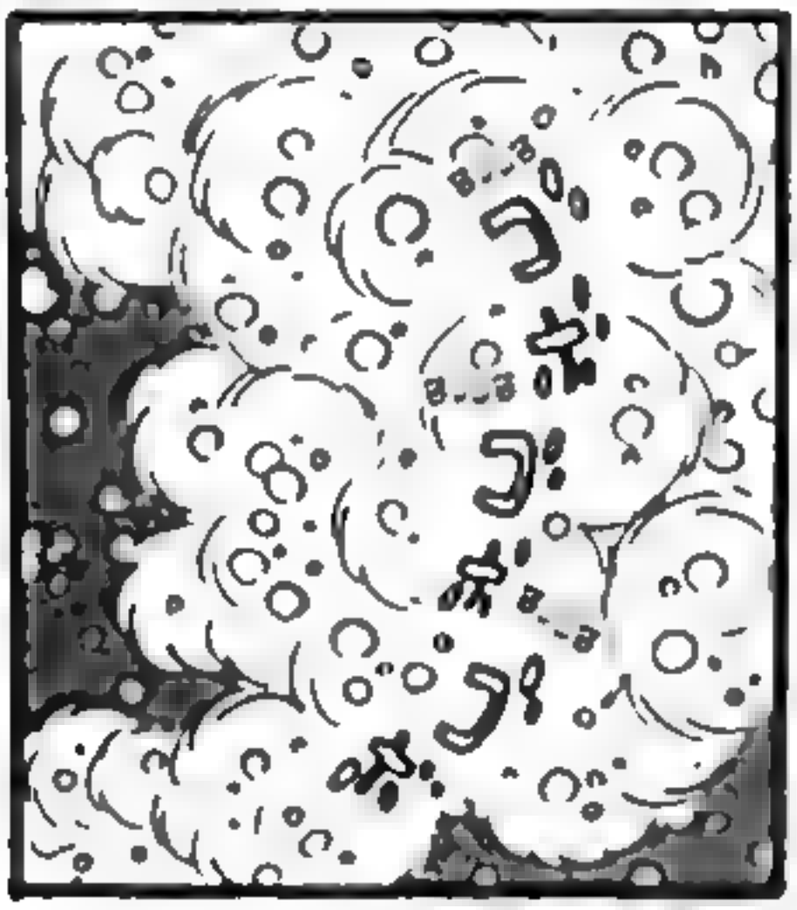
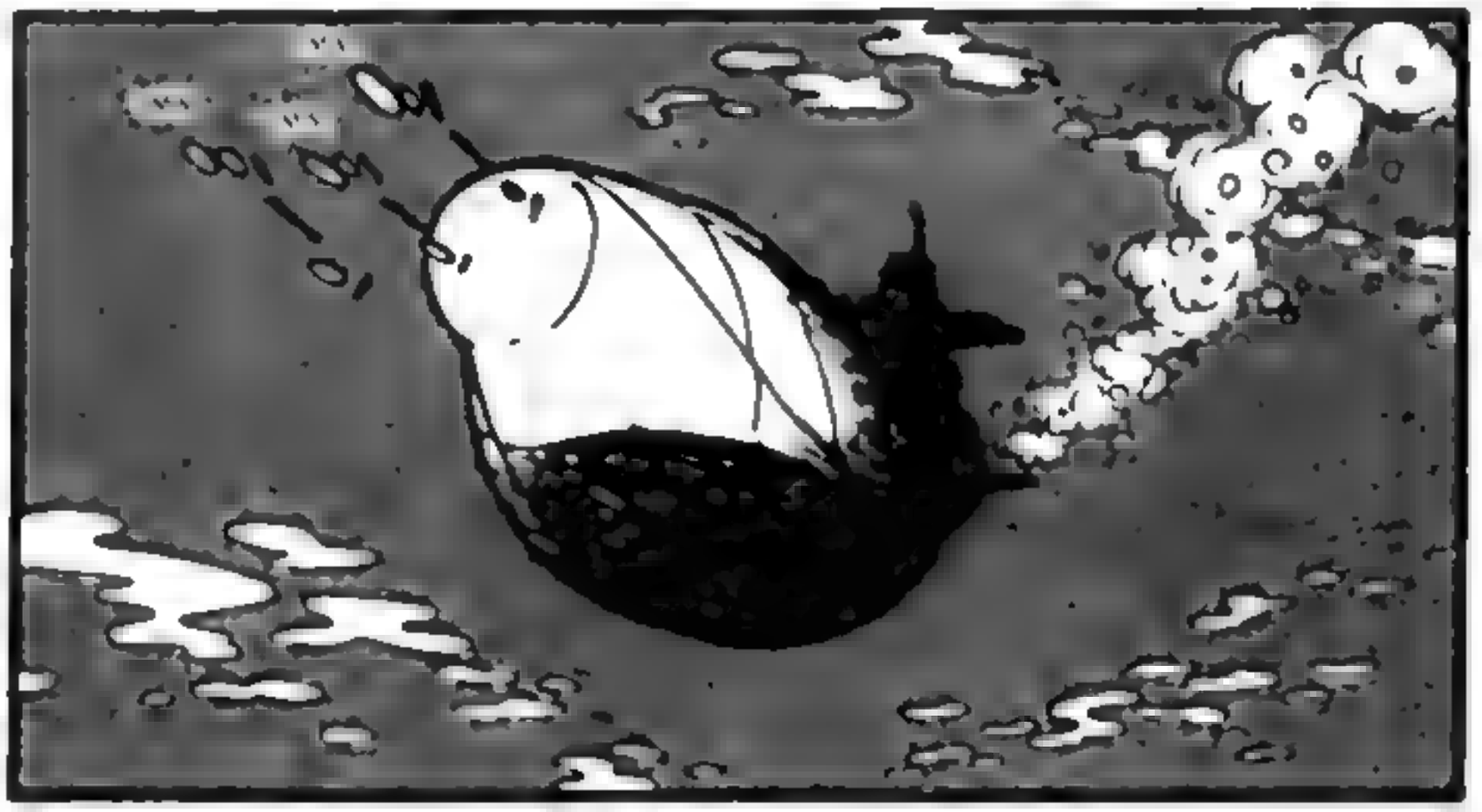








HUH?

WH-
WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE?

WHO'RE
YOU?

WHERE
AM I?

PLUT

LET'S BEGIN.

.....

SCALPEL!

FIRST, A NEW HEART.

NO, NOT YET.

...AND THEN WE START.

SO THEY FINISH THIS LAST ONE...

A THOK

NINE OF 'EM, HUH?

I SEE.

ONCE THE PROTOTYPES ARE APPROVED, WE MOVE INTO MASS PRODUCTION.

NOW THEY GO INTO THE TESTING PHASE.

GETTING THEM WAS JUST STAGE ONE.

IT'LL BE A WEEK BEFORE ALL THE ENHANCE-MENTS ARE COMPLETE.

WE HAVE SOME DOWNTIME UNTIL THEN. ENJOY IT.

WHERE DID WE GET THE LAST ONE?

WHO KNOWS? JAPAN?

I'D TAKE A VACATION, BUT I'VE HAD ENOUGH TRAVELING.

BUT HE'S BEING WORKED ON NOW.

CYBORG 001.

WHO'S THERE?

WHAT?

NICE TO MEET YOU, BROTHER.

HUH...

COME OUT WHERE I CAN SEE YOU.

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU?

ZERO ZERO WHAT?

AND YOU ARE NOW CYBORG 009.

KACHAN

KACHAN

WHAT? THAT'S CRAZY!

WE CAN COMMUNICATE TELE-PATHICALLY. I CAN HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS.

SHH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SPEAK OUT LOUD.

YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

KACHA

TEST?

THE TEST HAS BEGUN.

KACHAN

KACHAN

KACHAN

KRAAK

KACHAN

ZZZZZRRR!!

KACHAN

ZZZZZRRR!!

KACHAN

ZZZZZRRR!!

ZOON

KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

DA

DA

DA

NNNNNN

UH-OH!

ZOON

KRAK

WHAT KIND OF TEST IS THIS?!

DA

CRUMBLE

KRAK

DA

DA

DA

CRUMBLE

DA

FUFU

HERE'S WHERE THE FUN STARTS.

Gi...

...GET UP HERE?

H- HOW DID I...

SHUU

WHP

"A"

YIKES!

WHAM

Gi gi gi.

WHAM

OO,

AAS!

MY BODY FEELS LIGHTER.

WHAM

THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

HUH?

TMP

UGHH...

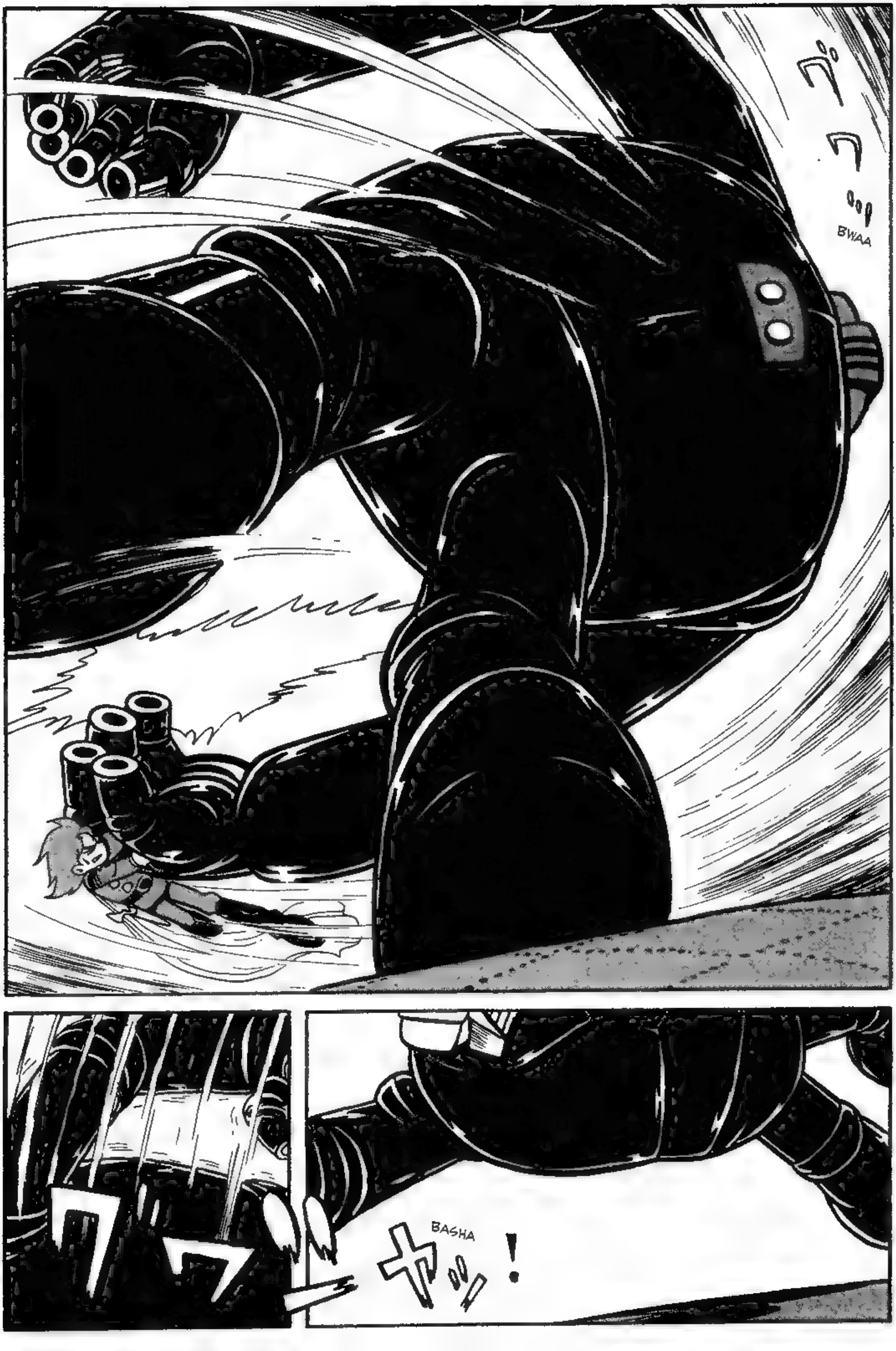
GRAB

OOF!

RATTLE

ZUT

UGH.


BWAA
BASHA

BADDA

Gi.

ZUT
ZOU

WOW!
NEVER BEEN
ABLE TO DO
THAT BEFORE!

DA
DA
DA
DA
DA

BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA

SLAM

Gi
gi.

WHY AM I NOT?

I SHOULD BE A DEAD MAN!

THOSE BULLETS SHOULD HAVE KILLED ME.

I... I'M STILL ALIVE!

I'M DIFFERENT NOW...

BETTER...

WHAT DID THEY DO TO ME?

I DON'T UNDER-STAND.

WHAT NOW?

...AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE I AM...

...OR WHAT I'M DOING HERE.

BOOM

GA GA GA GA GA

WAAAH!

DAMN.

BA BA BA

BOOM

GARA GARA GARA

GA GA GA

DA DA DA DA DA

BOOM

THEY'RE TESTING ME?

GA

GA

GA

OKAY, WHAT DID THAT GUY TELL ME...?

IS THIS STILL PART OF THE TEST?

BA

BA

BA

AH!

GA

GA

GA

GA

GA

GA

GA

GA

GA

GA

DA

DA

DA

DA

BA

BA

BA

BOOM

GA

GA

GA

GA

GA

VRAA

GAAA

THUD

KRAK

...THEN WHAT?

VOOM

IF THAT WAS A TEST, TOO...

CRASH

GAA

PHEW.

ANOTHER ONE?!

VOOM

DA

DA

DA

GAA

BOOM

VSSH

BSSSH

VOOOM

ZSSSM

SHAA

WAAH!

VOOM

SPLASH

BSSH

BSSH

BSSH

DAMN!

IT'S DARK BUT I CAN SEE?

I'M UNDER-WATER AND I'M BREA-THING?

WAIT.

SPLASH SPLASH

BUBB

ZA ZA ZA

YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOURSELF, 009.

THE TEST IS OVER. WELL DONE.

ARE YOU A TEST TOO?

...YOUR NEW TEAM-MATES.

AND LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO...

YOU ARE 009.

WAIT. I'M 009?

THEY CAN'T REBEL ON US. WE'RE THEIR MASTERS.

HAVE YOU GONE MAD?!

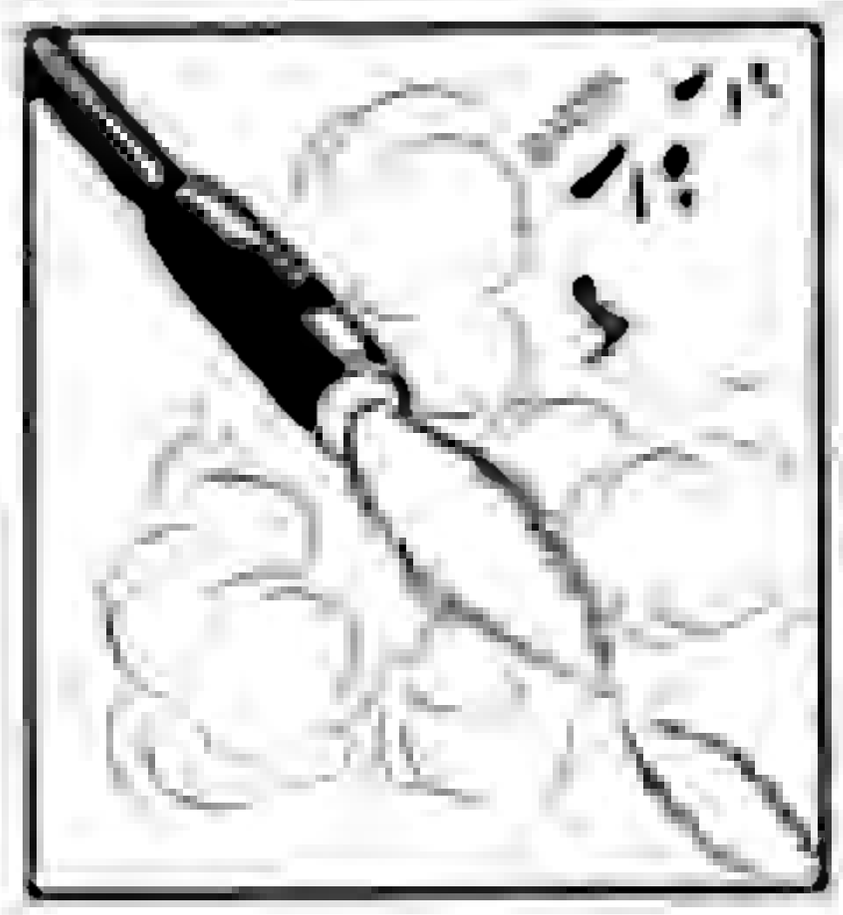
KACHAK

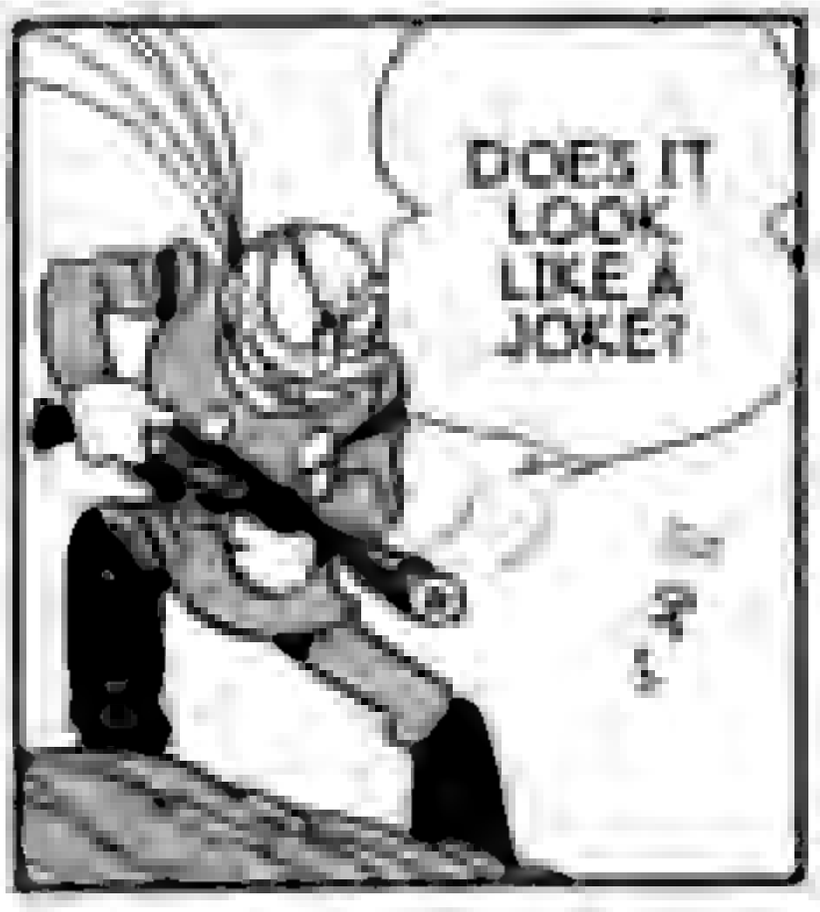
KACHAK

KACHAK

THE JIG IS UP, GEEZER. PUT YOUR HANDS ON YOUR HEAD OR YOU'RE ALL DEAD!

CHAPTER 6
REBELLION





PLEASE! STOP!

AHH!

BADDA

BADDA

BADDA

AND WE'RE PERFORM-ING OUR ROLE WITH APLOMB!

YEAH! YOU TURNED US INTO KILLING MACHINES.

NOTHING'S WRONG.

SOMETHING'S WRONG!

WATCH OUT!

BADDA

I WOULDN'T TRY TO STOP US.

AND IF I WERE YOU DOC-TORS...

WE'RE LEAVING!

WE DON'T WANT TO PARTAKE IN THE VIOLENCE THEY MEANT US FOR.

PUT THOSE AWAY!

THINK ABOUT IT. WE HAVE AGENTS EVERYWHERE.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO RUN!

HOW CAN YOU REBEL AGAINST YOUR CREATORS?!

BUT YOU'RE JUST MACHINES.

WAIT, MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE A HOSTAGE.

HMPH. WE'LL TAKE OUR CHANCES.

ZUT

YOU'RE COMING WITH US.

GET UP HERE, GILMORE.

HOW ABOUT DOCTOR GILMORE?

YOU'RE RIGHT.

YEAH, YOU SHOULD STOP THEM NOW!

YOU'RE STRONGER THAN THE LOT OF THEM.

DON'T LET THEM DECEIVE YOU.

DON'T GO, LAD!

ARE YOU COMING WITH US TOO?

WHAT ABOUT YOU, 009?

AGENTS OF VIOLENCE SHOUTING ORDERS AT YOU!

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WERE LIKE BEFORE THE PROCEDURE. BUT IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT, 009?

.....

DESTROY THEM, 009! I COMMAND YOU!

I'M 001, THE BABY IN 003'S ARMS.

OKAY, WHO ARE YOU?

WHAT?

JOIN THEM, 009.

YOU'RE WELCOME TO JOIN US.

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!

Goo goo ga ga!!!

THE ABILITY TO SPEAK WITH MY MIND. I'LL PROVIDE A MORE THOROUGH EXPLANATION LATER.

TELE-PATHY?

RIGHT NOW WE ARE PRESSED FOR TIME. SO, PLEASE, WILL YOU JOIN US?

UNTIL I LEARN HOW TO SPEAK, I'M FORCED TO USE TELEPATHY.

IT'S INCREDU-LOUS, BUT TRUE.

DON'T GO, 009!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

BEFORE WE GOT TO YOU, YOU WERE NOTHING BUT MISFITS. THROUGH US, YOU WERE BORN ANEW!

HOW DO YOU FIGURE?

UNGRATE-FUL?

INGRATES!

DESPICABLE CREATIONS.

TRAITORS!

PARENTS?

HA HA HA HA HAAAA.

HA HA HA.

WE'RE YOUR PARENTS.

WAAH!

WE'RE MONSTERS!

PARENTS GIVE THEIR CHILDREN BODIES_

JA JA JA

_YOU HAVE ROBBED US OF OURS.

THUD

JA JA JA

DID YOU KILL THEM?

FFT?

BUT I MADE A PROMISE TO DOCTOR GILMORE.

I WANTED TO.

?

THANK YOU.

THE REBELLION..?

AND TODAY, THEIR VILLAINOUS WORK HAS COME TO AN END.

FOR YEARS I'VE WORKED ALONGSIDE THEM, WATCHING AS THEY PLOTTED THEIR WICKED SCHEMES.

THEY MAY BE EVIL, BUT KILLING THEM IS NOT THE ANSWER.

HEY, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO EVERYONE.

REST ASSURED ALL WILL BE EXPLAINED. BUT NOW WE MUST LEAVE THIS PLACE.

I KNOW THIS IS ALL QUITE OVER-WHELMING, 009.

HE COOKED UP THIS WHOLE REBELLION PLAN.

HEH HEH.. YOU CAN THANK THE DOC FOR THAT ONE.

I AM 008.

I'M 006.

I'M 007.

005.

WE'RE 001 AND 003.

I'M 002.

I'M 004.

MY NAME IS DR. ISAAC GILMORE.

AND YOU, MY BOY, ARE 009.

OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS TO GET OFF THIS ISLAND QUICKLY.

LIKE I SAID, SON. WE'RE PRESSED FOR TIME.

I NEED TO KNOW.

I CAN'T MAKE SENSE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING.

A MASSACRE?!

SHUP

OH... MY HEAD!

TWITCH

...BEFORE THEY RUIN OUR PLANS.

THOSE CYBORGS MUST BE STOPPED...

TMP TMP

LUCKILY, THIS ANTI-ELECTRO-MAGNETIC-WAVE JACKET SAVED ME.

I HAD SUSPICIONS ABOUT THEIR ALLEGIANCE.

SPLASH

ZA ZA ZA

THEY KNOW TOO MUCH!

EXACTLY!

AH!

OPEN!

JL

ONE OF YOUR INVEN-TIONS?

THIS CRAB CAN UNLOCK MANY SECRETS.

ZZT

KACHAK

PLEASE ENTER.

DR. GILMORE... AND THESE ARE THE CYBORGS I'M WORKING WITH.

IDENTIFI-CATION?

WHERE ARE WE?

ONLY AUTHORIZED VOICE IMPRINTS WILL OPEN THE GATE.

AUTHORIZED VOICE PATTERNS ARE ENCODED INTO THE ENTRANCE GATE.

YOU ARE ROBOTS.

THE CORPORA-TIONS THAT MANUFACTURE THE INSTRU-MENTS OF WAR...

...ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE BANKERS AND INVESTORS THAT PAY FOR IT.

A WAR FACTORY.

MUCH OF THE WORLD DEPENDS ON--AND EVEN PROFITS BY--THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR.

SOME OF THE MOST DEADLY WEAPONS EVER CREATED FOUND THEIR GENESIS HERE.

INCLUDING YOU.

THIS SECRET BASE WAS BUILT USING FUNDS FROM THESE WARMONGERS.

THEREFORE, THERE IS A GLOBAL CONSPIRACY TO KEEP THE THREAT OF WAR VERY MUCH ALIVE.

GET IN.

FLYING WINGS? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO--

THIS IS WHERE THE FUN BEGINS.

WEE

WEE

WEE

WEE

WEE

WEE

WEE

WEE

UH-OH.

THEN, THE RED BUTTON...

FIRST, PUSH THE BLUE BUTTON...

DON'T WORRY, I'LL TEACH YOU.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!

AGAIN?

NOW, FLIP THE YELLOW SWITCH...

DA DA DA DA

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, TEAM!

DA DA DA

ZOOM

WSSSH

...NOW, GUN IT!

GO GO GO

STEER YOURSELF TOWARD THE RUNWAY...

GRAB THE STEERING COLUMN!

WHAT NOW?

VEEN

BLACK ACES, AFTER THEM! DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!

THEY MUST BE STOPPED.

ZOOM

BUDDA

BUDDA

BUDDA

BJDDA

SHOOT THEM DOWN!

WSSH

ZAA

ZAA

ZAA

WSSH

009 IS DROPPING FORMATION.

WE GOT COMPANY.

-BWAA

AH! I CAN'T SHAKE 'EM!

STAY FOCUSED, 009. LISTEN TO ME.

ZOOM

BWAA

VOOM

001!

ZOOM

STAY CALM!

CONCEN-TRATE, 009!

FIRST, PULL UP. FORCE THEM TO DISPERSE.

Ga ga.

IS HE OKAY?

EVERYONE ELSE, COVER HIM!

VOOM

BWAA

ZAA

ZAA

ZAA

GAA

BWAA

VOOM

THAT WAS CLOSE!

DA DA DA DA!

KRAK KRAK

PAK

DA DA DA

NOSH ON IT, HUN!

BOOM

VOOM

VHAA

DON'T SELL THE LITTLE GUY TOO SHORT, CREEPS!

HEY, TEAM, WE HAVE TO WRAP THIS UP BEFORE THEY ENGAGE THE Z-BEAM.

BINGO! FRIED HIS HIDE.

DA

DA

DA

DA

GODSPEED!

VOOM

RENDEZVOUS AT X ISLAND AS PLANNED.

ZZZZ

TAKE EVASIVE MANEUVERS!

DAMN, THEY DISCHARGED Z-BEAM!

VOOM

YOU CAN EITHER BLAST THEM WITH YOUR MACHINE GUN...

YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS, 009.

WHAT SHOULD I DO, 001?

DAMN, THEY DON'T GIVE UP!

IT WILL RIP RIGHT THROUGH THEIR PLANES.

EXACTLY. THESE LIGHTWEIGHT WINGS ARE MADE OF A SPECIAL ALLOY.

CUT THEM?

...OR YOU CAN CUT THEM IN TWO!

BUDDA BUDDA

BA BA BA BA

...AND STRIKE!

DA DA DA

VOOM

STAY CALM...

OKAY, 009!

DON'T WORRY, THE PLANES ARE UNMANNED RADIO-CONTROLLED DRONES.

WHAK

ZZZ

ZZZT

BOOM

ZAA

VOOM

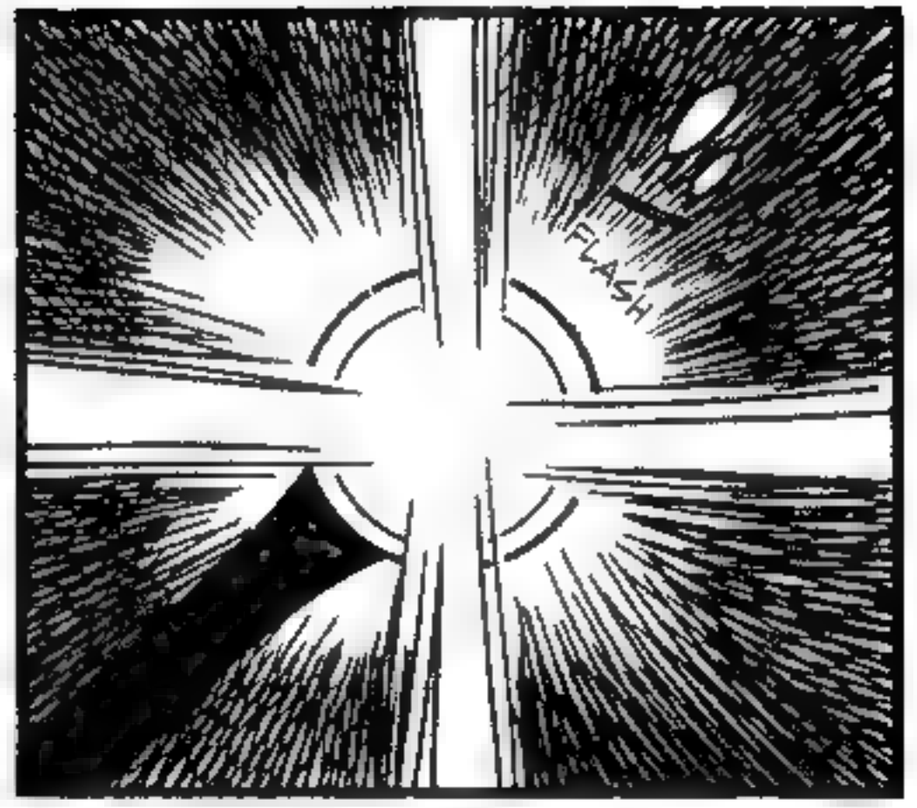
KRAK

KRAK

KRAK

BOKA
BOKA
BOKA
?!

BWAAA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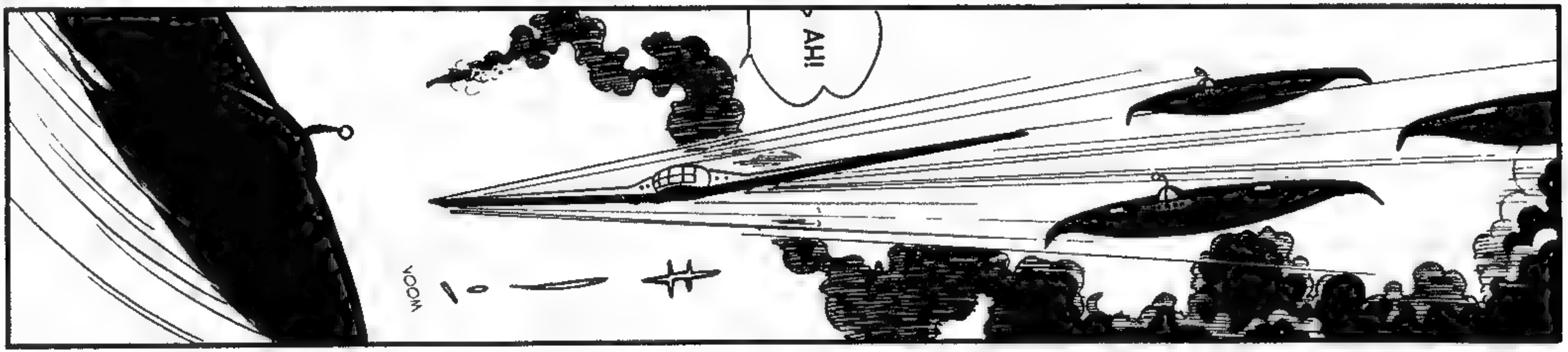
THEY'RE ALL OVER ME!


AH!
WOOM

YOU MIGHT BE THE BEST PILOT AMONG US.

THAT WAS SOME PRETTY FANCY FLYING.

THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM.

HEY, 009, GOOD WORK!

I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU GUYS.

X ISLAND?

LET'S JOIN THEM.

THEY'RE WAITING ON X ISLAND.

WHERE IS EVERY-ONE ELSE?

PRE-
PARE FOR
LANDING,
0091

AH!

ZAA-

BE CAREFUL, WE HAVE TO LAND ONE AT A TIME!

I'LL GO FIRST!

ZA

ZA

ZA

WATCH!

SPAA

HAH HA. IT TAKES A LITTLE GETTING USED TO.

ZA

ZA

ZA

SHU

SHU

TIME IT TO AVOID THE WAVE.

OKAY, 009. YOU'RE NEXT.

WSSH

NOW!

SPLASH

Goo goo.

BEAUTI-FUL, OOH!

WAASH

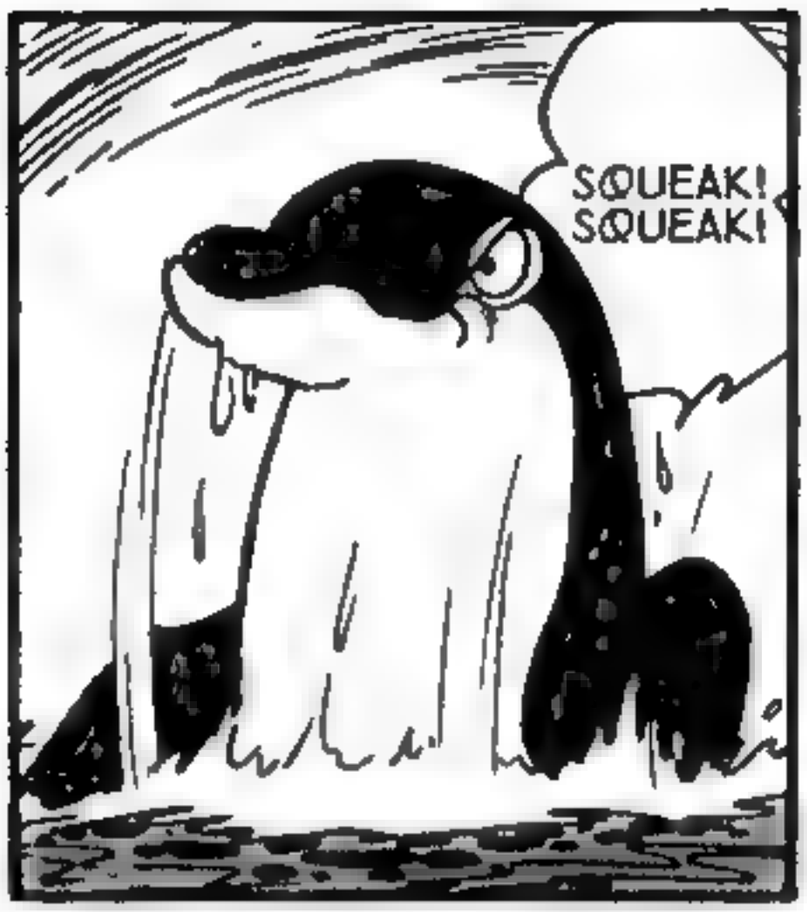
NOW SET IT DOWN GENTLY OVER HERE.

DA

DA

DA

SHUU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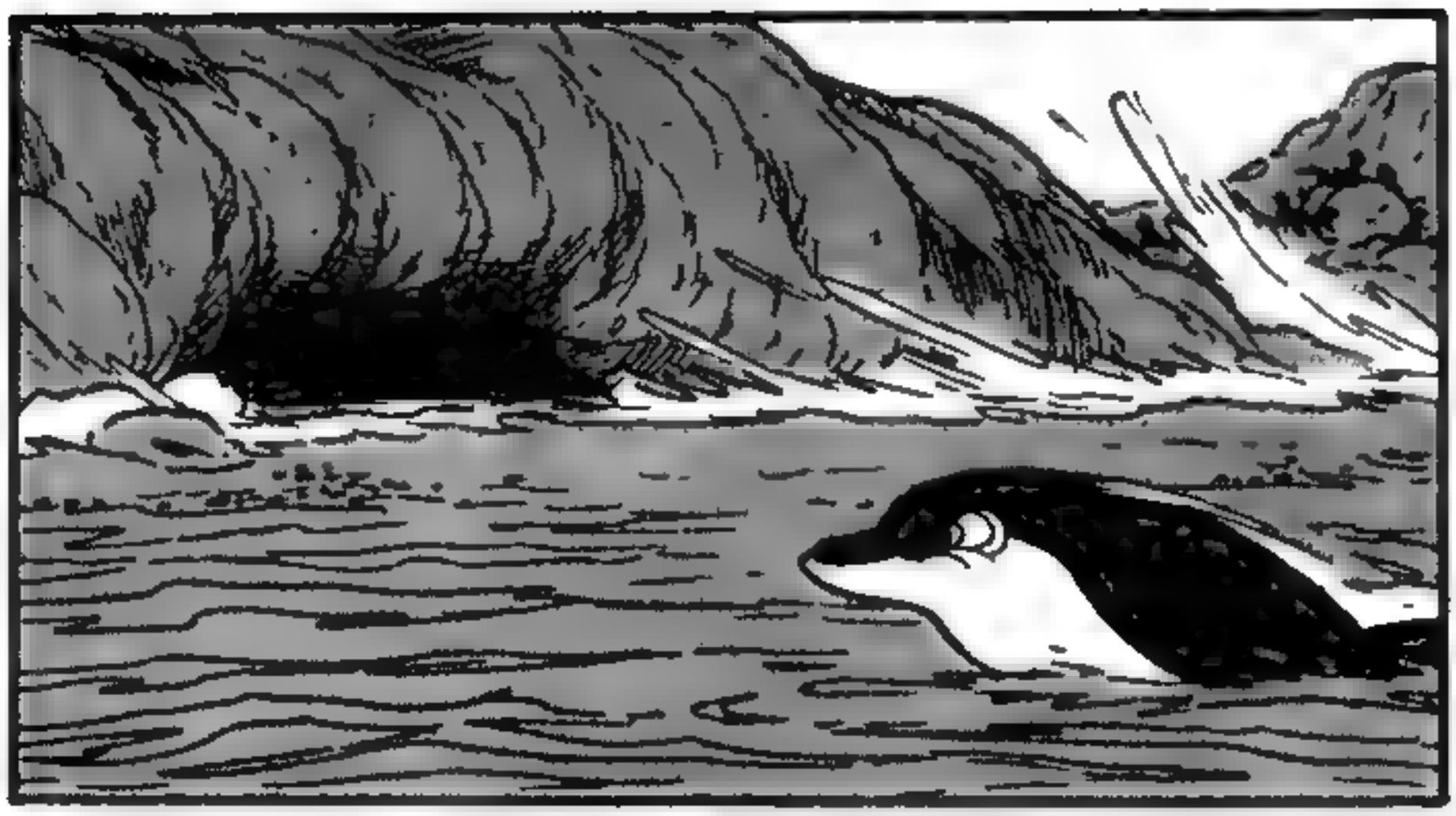

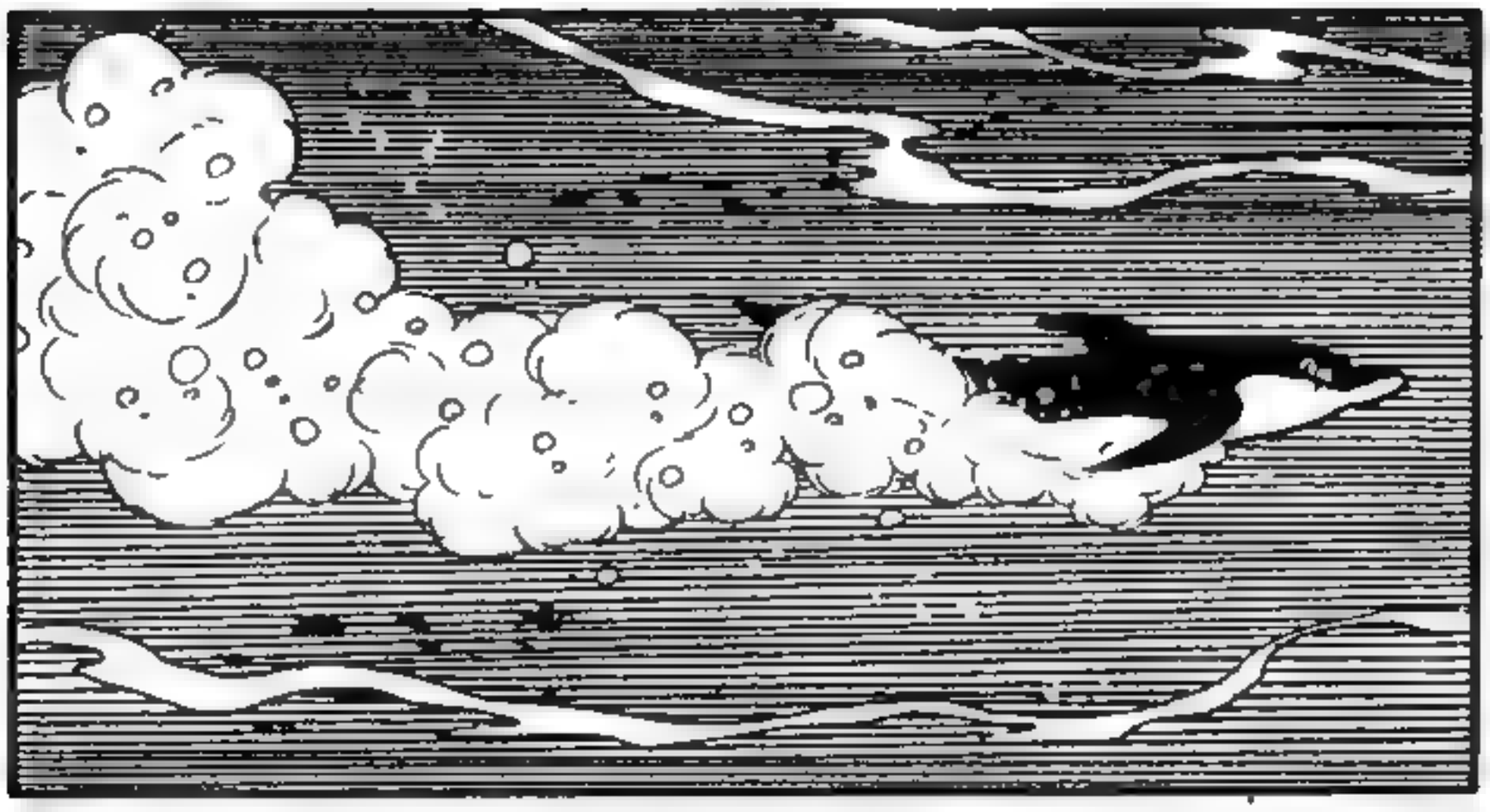

SPLASH

WHAP
ANYONE HUNGRY? I COULD SURE EAT.
SO, WHAT NOW?

CHAPTER 7
10,000 VS. 10 WARRIORS

HERE'S A JUICY ONE.

THE TAILS ARE A DELICACY.

WHAT GOES WITH LIZARD?

RIGHT-O, GUV.

...ON AN EMPTY STOMACH.

WHAK

IT'S HARD TO FIGHT ...

HEY! 002, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

SHUUM

I'LL BE BACK IN A FLASH.

HOW ABOUT SOME FISH?

I MAKE AN EXCELLENT MINCED MEAT, YOU KNOW.

?

TO GET SOME POULTRY.

MY LEFT HAND CAN FUNCTION AS A KNIFE.

SMAK!

IT'S LIKE I'M A LIVING, BREATHING WEAPON.

HAVEN'T EVEN TESTED MOST OF THEM.

IT DOES ALL SORTS OF TRICKS.

AND MY RIGHT HAND...A MACHINE GUN.

SEE!

HEH, YEAH. I NOTICED HE'S PRETTY GOOD AT BURROWING.

006'S NICKNAME IS THE "MOLE."

THE SCIENTISTS NICKNAMED ME THE "GOD OF DEATH."

MMMM... ALLOW ME.

IT WON'T BE AS TASTY AS HERR LIZARD, HERE.

WE SHOULD FEAST WELL.

HEY, LOOK. I FOUND A MOLE.

006'S NICK-NAME IS "MERMAN."

ZAA

HEY, SAVE ME A BITE.

FWOM

Goo goo.

HE CAN BREATH IN REALMS WHERE THERE IS NO AIR.

WHOA! HE VANISHED!

THERE MUST BE SOME IN THE SOUTHERN FIELDS.

WSSH

MILK? LEAVE IT TO ME.

001 NEEDS MILK.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, HE CAN FLY TOO, THUS THE NICKNAME "JET."

WE CLOCKED 002 AT SPEEDS UP TO MACH 5.

HE'S JUST MOVING FASTER THAN THE NAKED EYE CAN TRACK.

NO, HE DIDN'T VANISH.

POIK

ギュッ

ギュッ

POIK

Baaa

GOAT'S MILK?

...BUT HIS MENTAL ABILITIES ARE BEYOND ANY HUMAN.

HE MAY TALK LIKE A BABY...

WE CALL 001 "THE BRAIN."

Mmm... mmm...

THE TEAM IS A MARVEL OF MODERN SCIENCE. BUT YOU, MY BOY...

OH, 009. YOU HAVE NO IDEA.

WOW! YOU'RE ALL AMAZING!

IT'S READY.

MMM... DELI-CIOUS!

WSSH

I CAN'T DO WHAT THEY CAN DO.

THERE IS NO ABILITY AMONG THE LOT OF THEM THAT YOU CANNOT ALSO EMBRACE.

MANIFEST IN YOU IS THE SUM OF OUR SUCCESS, VOID OF IMPERFECTIONS, A MASTERPIECE OF WAR TECHNOLOGY.

YOU ARE THE PINNACLE OF CYBER-HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT.

I'VE BEEN OUT FOR A WEEK?!

A WEEK?

YOU *WERE* A KID...A WEEK AGO.

I'M JUST A KID.

.....

...

JAPANESE? HE DOESN'T LOOK JAPANESE. HE'S GOT BROWN HAIR..

00', YOU'RE JAPANESE, RIGHT?

009'S REAL NAME IS JOE SHIMURA. HE'S HALF JAPANESE.

Goo goo.

WHAT'S WRONG, BOY?

...LANDING JOE IN A STRING OF ORPHANAGES.

SOON AFTER HIS BIRTH, JOE'S MOTHER PASSED AWAY...

WHEN HE WAS OLD ENOUGH TO SEEK EMPLOY-MENT...

HE WAS BORN TO A JAPANESE MOTHER AND A FATHER WHOSE NATIONALITY HAS YET TO BE REVEALED.

THIS TURNED JOE INTO AN AGGRESSIVE YOUTH.

...JOE FACED THE CRUELTY OF A JAPAN UN-ACCEPTING OF HIS MIXED ETHNICITY.

SEAR-CHING FOR WORK, STRUG-GLING TO SURVIVE...

...THE STATE DROVE HIM OUT OF THE ORPHANAGE SYSTEM.

STOP IT! HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL OF THIS?

...THE BLACK GHOST SWOOPED IN AND ABDUCTED THE LAD.

CONSUMED WITH ANGER AND SPURNED BY HIS NATION, HE WOUND UP IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

DURING A RECENT ESCAPE FROM DETENTION...

DO NOT FEEL ASHAMED OF HAVING MIXED BLOOD.

IT'S OKAY, 009!

I HAVE THE ABILITY TO FEEL YOUR THOUGHTS.

I DIDN'T *KNOW* IT. I FELT IT FROM YOU.

Goo goo.

THAT'S RIGHT, 009!

A SYMBOL OF THE EROSION OF BORDERS BETWEEN NATIONS AND RACES.

YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

THANKS TO THE MARVELS OF MODERN SCIENCE!

HALF HUMAN, PERHAPS.

CAN YOU STILL CALL US HUMANS?

HUMANS? I DUNNO...

WE HUMANS ARE ALL BROTHERS.

HEY, THESE NEW ABILITIES SUIT ME FINE.

THE BLAME FALLS ON MORE THAN ONE MAN.

NO, NOT ENTIRELY.

IT'S NOT DR. GILMORE'S FAULT.

004 AND 007...

IT SEEMED LIKE SUCH A BENEFIT TO MANKIND. CREATING HUMANS WITH AMAZING ABILITIES. HEROES.

I'M SORRY. I WAS TRICKED. MANY OF US WERE.

...A LITTLE CONSULTATION AND A STAB AT SEEKING PERMISSION WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE.

HOW-EVER...

ULTIMATE AIM?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

SO, I ORCHESTRATED YOUR ESCAPE.

THE ULTIMATE AIM OF THE PROJECT WAS HARDLY THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND.

BUT THAT WAS NOT THE CASE.

ONCE BLACK GHOST PERFECTS CYBORG TECHNOLOGY, THEY'LL SELL IT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

AND ONCE ONE NATION BUYS IT, THE OTHERS WILL FOLLOW, INSTIGATING A NEW ARMS RACE.

WE'RE NOTHING MORE THAN TEST SUBJECTS.

PROTOTYPES FOR MASS PRODUCTION.

WHY WOULD SOMEONE DO SUCH A THING?

AND WHY DO YOU THINK BANKS LEND SUCH LUDICROUS SUMS OF MONEY TO OTHER NATIONS?

WHOEVER IS MAKING THE WEAPONS!

WHO PRO-FITS?

AND IF NATIONS ARE AT WAR...

HEH HEH. TO PERPETUATE WAR...BECAUSE WAR PERPETUATES MONEY...

AND AT THE HEAD OF IT ALL, ONE SICK MAN HELL-BENT ON KEEPING THE WORLD IN A PERPETUAL STATE OF WAR.

THE CAPITAL BEHIND THE CYBORG LABORATORY COMES FROM BANKERS, WEAPON'S MAKERS...

I'LL TELL YOU THAT THE LAST PRIORITY ON THEIR LIST IS FEEDING THE HUNGRY MASSES!

HEH HEH... THAT'S WHERE WE COME IN.

WE'RE THE NEXT STAGE OF THE GREAT ARMS RACE.

EVEN THESE GUYS WHO WANT WAR.

...EVERY-ONE WOULD DIE.

IF ANYBODY DECIDED TO USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS...

THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!

CYBORG AGAINST CYBORG WITH NO REGARD OF THE HUMAN THAT LIES WITHIN.

CYBERNETIC SOLDIERS WHO CAN EXPAND THE WAR ARENA TO UNDER THE OCEAN...OR EVEN TO OUTER SPACE.

SOON, EVERY COUNTRY WILL HAVE THEIR OWN CYBORG ARMY.

SHH! QUIET!

THEY'VE ALREADY DONE IT, 009.

THEY CAN'T DO THAT.

I CAN HEAR THEM APPROACHING!

THEY'RE COMING BY SEA AND AIR.

WHAT? THEY FOUND US ALREADY!

A NOISE... AN ENGINE. A BOAT... PERHAPS A SUBMARINE!

WHAT IS IT, 003?

CRAP! THIS IS GOING TO BE TOUGHER THAN LAST TIME.

THEY'VE ALREADY SUR-ROUNDED THE ISLAND.

IT'S TOO LATE.

WAIT! WE CAN'T...

TIME TO SPLIT, MATES.

"TRY TO TAKE THEM ALIVE. KILL ONLY AS A LAST RESORT."

WAIT! I'M PICKING UP A SIGNAL!

THIS IS A DANGEROUS ENEMY! A DANGEROUS ENEMY!

WE'RE NOT FACING BLACK ACE DRONES LIKE BEFORE.

HEH HEH HEH.

INTERESTING! LET'S SHOW THEM HOW *ALIVE* WE REALLY ARE!

TAKE THEM ALIVE, HUH?

EXPER-IMENT, HUH?

HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH.

"WE HAVE TOO MUCH INVESTED IN THIS EX-PERIMENT."

I ORIGINALLY CREATED THAT DOLPHIN AS A GUARD ANIMAL FOR THE BASE.

DOLPHINS HAVE A LARGER BRAIN MASS THAN HUMANS. SO IT WAS RELATIVELY SIMPLE TO RECONSTRUCT THEIR BRAINS TO BE MORE HUMANLIKE.

A DOLPHIN SPY!

HUH? WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S THE ONLY WAY THEY'D KNOW WHERE WE WERE.

?

WOULDN'T WANT TO FACE DOWN AN ARMY OF DOLPHINS.

IF ANY MORE SHOW UP, WE SHOULD TRY TO GIVE THEM ALL THE SLIP.

NOT IF I BEAT YA TO IT, CHUM!

I'M GONNA TEAR THAT DOLPHIN APART!

WHAT?!

GRIN

HEH HEH.

HEH HEH. HERE I GO.

HE CAN CHANGE HIS CELLULAR STRUCTURE INTO ANY SHAPE HE CHOOSES.

WE CALL 007 "CHAME-LEON."

004, OVER THERE!

003 HAS ENHANCED SENSORY CAPABILITIES.

AH! A BUZZING SOUND?

BZZ

AND HER X-RAY VISION COMES IN HANDY AS WELL.

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GAA

BOMBERS ARE EN ROUTE.

THEY HAVE CAM-ERAS!

THESE BUG-GERS ARE ROBOTIC.

WHAT?

IT'S A DETAILED DIAGRAM OF YOUR ENHANCE-MENTS.

OKAY, 009! I WISH WE HAD MORE TIME, BUT YOU BETTER TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.

Artificial Skin (Stronge
than rubber and steel)

HERE THEY COME!

WHOA!

WE'RE SUR-
ROUNDED.

AND
SEA.

FROM
THE
SKY.

...HAS CAUGHT THE DOLPHIN.

007 ...

AH.

HE'S COMING BACK.

004! CUT OFF ITS NOSE.

NO. BUT HE WEIGHS A BLEEDING TON.

IS IT DEAD?

THOSE TOSSERS.

HERE IT IS.

IT SHOULD CONTAIN A TRACKING DEVICE.

スポー

WHAK !

001, DOES IT KNOW WHAT'S COMING FOR US?

...LEAKED OUR HIDE OUT.

THIS WET ONE...

10 JONATHAN WARSHIPS.

50 BG SUBMARINES.

159 T-28 HEAVY BOMBERS.

AND COUNT-LESS SPY BUGS.

40 SPY DOLPHINS.

3 DIVISIONS OF SM ROBOT CORPS.

20 D 13 ROBOTS.

30 RR TANKS.

AND MORE.

I'M SURPRISED THEY DIDN'T SEND MORE. THE LOT OF YOU UNDERESTIMATES YOUR ABILITIES.

ALL THAT JUST FOR US?

BLIMEY, THEY SURE FLEXED THEIR CHOPS.

THAT'S THEIR SQUAD.

HOWEVER, THEY'D RATHER KILL YOU THEN LET YOU ESCAPE TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

AND THE ADVANTAGE IS THAT THEY WANT TO KEEP YOU ALL IN INTACT.

LISTEN UP!

THEY KNOW WE'RE IN THE CAVE.

MORE OF THOSE BUGS JUST FLEW IN.

WE COULD BE RUNNING FOREVER.

ARE WE GOING TO FIGHT OR RUN?

OKAY.

WE HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF KNOWING THE ISLAND.

LEAVING IS NO LONGER AN OPTION.

NO, THAT WOULD BE ILL ADVISED.

SO UNTIL THEN, WE JUST SIT HERE?

WE KNOW THAT WE WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO MAKE OUR OWN PATH OUT OF HERE.

WE KNOW THAT THEY ARE DEATHLY AFRAID OF US.

WE KNOW THAT THEY ARE UNDER ORDERS NOT TO KILL US.

LET'S GO.

AND THE REST ESCAPE AND REN-DEZVOUS LATER.

EACH PAIR, TRY TO GET THE ENEMY'S ATTENTION.

YOU WILL ALL SPREAD OUT ACROSS THE ISLAND IN PAIRS.

HERE'S THE STRAT-EGY.

I HAVE A PLAN TO GET US PAST THE ENEMY.

GOOD LUCK, TEAM.

THIS PATH LEADS OUTSIDE.

YOU STAY WITH ME AND DOCTOR GILMORE.

WHAT... WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Goo goo.

AND BE CAREFUL, 009.

...TRY TO STAY UNPRE-DICTABLE. IMPROVIZE.

THE EN-EMY KNOWS YOUR WEAK-NESSES...

A PLEASURE.

PARTNER WITH 003.

SKAT

SKAT

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MANY OCEAN CURRENTS MEET AT THIS ISLAND. AN OCEANIC CROSSROADS.

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SKAT

SKAT

FLAP

FLAP

FLAP

THEY CROSS-BREED AND EVOLVE.

...EGGS FROM VARIOUS ANIMALS.

EACH CURRENT CARRIES WITH IT...

THERE ARE CREA-TURES HERE UNKNOWN TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

THIS UNIQUE EVOLUTION-ARY HAVEN HAS REMAINED UNTOUCHED FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS.

IT'S OKAY. THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO GET NOTICED.

MORE BUGS!

WHAT?

BZZ

GOOD JOB.

BA

BA

BA

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

THESE LOOK A LITTLE MORE VICIOUS.

ROBOT TROOPS ARE COMING ONSHORE.

UH-OH! LOOK!.

ZA ZA ZA ZA

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VOOM

CHANG CHANG CHANG

ゴゥ GAA

ゴゥ GAA

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CHANG CHANG CHANG

JUMP!

VOOM

VEEEN

DA

DA

DA

DA

WSSH

PERSISTENT, ISN'T HE?!

VEEEN

009!

TESTING MY STRENGTH.

VOOM

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

OK, HE'S COMING AROUND AGAIN.

VOON

ZAT

DA

DA

DA

BAAH

BADDA

BADDA

VOOM

TWIST

BABOOM

VOOM

003!

WHERE ARE YOU?

OH. I CAN'T HEAR YOU.

WHAT?

BEHIND YOU!

ZABAA

Oo

HYUU

YOOM

ZA

ZA

ZA

OH, GREAT!

JA

JA

JA

JA

JA

JA

WAH!

ARGH! I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE.

AH...

GET OUT OF THERE, 009!

HE'S HURT!

JA JA JA JA

ZUT

GONE!

HA! HE FIGURED OUT HOW TO USE HIS SPEED.

NOW HE'S OVER THERE!

JAA

HE'S TURNING AROUND!

GE GE GE

JA JA JA

ZUT

HUH?

HUFF HUFF HUFF

ZUT

THAT WAS CLOSE.

WELL...NO. MY HANDS AND FEET ARE NUMB AND MY NERVES ARE SHOT.

009! ARE YOU OKAY?

OH! HELLO.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING 009?

OKAY!

DAMN!

IF I WAS JUST A LITTLE BIT SLOWER, HE WOULD HAVE CAUGHT ME.

009, STOP! YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT.

IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS.

*HE CAN ACTIVATE THE ACCELERATION SWITCH BY PUSHING HIS MOLAR WITH THE TIP OF HIS TONGUE.

AND I'M GOING TO USE IT TO BEAT THAT HUNK OF JUNK!

CHAK

I THINK I FIGURED OUT HOW TO USE MY SPEED.

ZUT

JA JA JA

KRAK

CRASH

HEH HEH.

Suu

WOK

BSSH

SMASH

HEH HEH! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

GA GA

GA GA GA

YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME AFTER THAT? DON'T BE STUPID!

*When 009 engages his speed capabilities, he is ten times faster than his opponents. To him, everything appears in slow motion.

CRASH

THOK

CRASH

BASH

TMP

ZUT

PFF

BOOM

*This pistol has three settings.

*And also operate as an ordinary gun.

*009 just used the heat ray. It can also expel a deadly gas...

SHHT

CHAK

009!

WHAT?!

ROBOTS HAVE THEM PINNED DOWN!

HUH?

QUICK! DR. GILMORE AND 001 ARE IN DANGER!

USE YOUR SPEED TO GET DOWN THERE.

THEY'RE DOWN BY THE BEACH.

HURRY 009! THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME!

CAN'T YOU HEAR ME? YOU HAVE TO SAVE THEM.

*Slicing through sound waves, he hears the world in distorted tones.

ZZT

*When in acceleration mode, 009 cannot hear voices and sounds normally.

I'LL BE FINE. HURRY!

BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?

OKAY!

*And as he accelerates, he becomes blurrier and blurrier until finally he seems to disappear.

AAH!

HEY!

OOZ?!

LOOK OUT!

THANKS TO YOU, LAD.

ARE YOU OKAY?

AGGGGH!.

WSSHH

WHAT?!

ヒュー

WSSH

ドゥーン

007, THEY GOT 002 WITH THE SAME DEVICE.

WHAP

001

WSSH

NO!

CLOSE YOUR MOUTH AND CLENCH YOUR TEETH!

WSSH

YES, IT'S ATTEMPTING TO INSERT A TENTACLE DOWN YOUR THROAT.

WSSH

RIP

GAH.

WHAP

THESE THINGS.

DAMN...

?

ZUT

KACHAK

HE ACCEL-ERATED!

ZZT

LET'S SEE HOW THEY LIKE THE TASTE OF THIS!

ENOUGH HAND TO HAND!

I GOT THEM ALL.

ZUT

CHECK ON JET.

AND ONE MORE.

OH!

...IS MORE VEXING THAN DEADLY.

THE HYDRA V...

HE WAS ONLY TRANQUILIZED.

IS HE ALL RIGHT?

WHAT ABOUT 002?

LUCKILY, YOUR ARTIFICIAL SKIN REPELLED THE POISON. THAT'S WHY IT TRIED TO GO FOR YOUR ESOPHAGUS.

HE TRIED TO FIGHT THEM OFF, BUT WAS OVERCOME.

ARE YOU GUYS OKAY?

HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON?

CON-STRUCTED BEFORE?

...IT'S UNFOR-TUNATE.

HE WAS CON-STRUCTED BEFORE WE DEVELOPED THE SKIN...

WE'RE STILL MISSING 005 AND 006.

IS EVERYONE ACCOUNTED FOR?

WE CAME AS SOON AS WE GOT YOUR MESSAGE, BRAIN.

BLOODY HELL! LOOK LIKE A BOMB DROPPED ON 'EM.

BLAM

HUH?

ZJUN

AT LEAST YA LANDED ON YOUR HEAD?

WHAM

WHEE!

HE'S HAVING A WEE TANK PROBLEM.

WHERE'S 005?

YEAH YEAH.

OH, IT WAS A GLORIOUS BATTLE. THERE I WAS, COMPLETELY SURROUNDED...

GA

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GA

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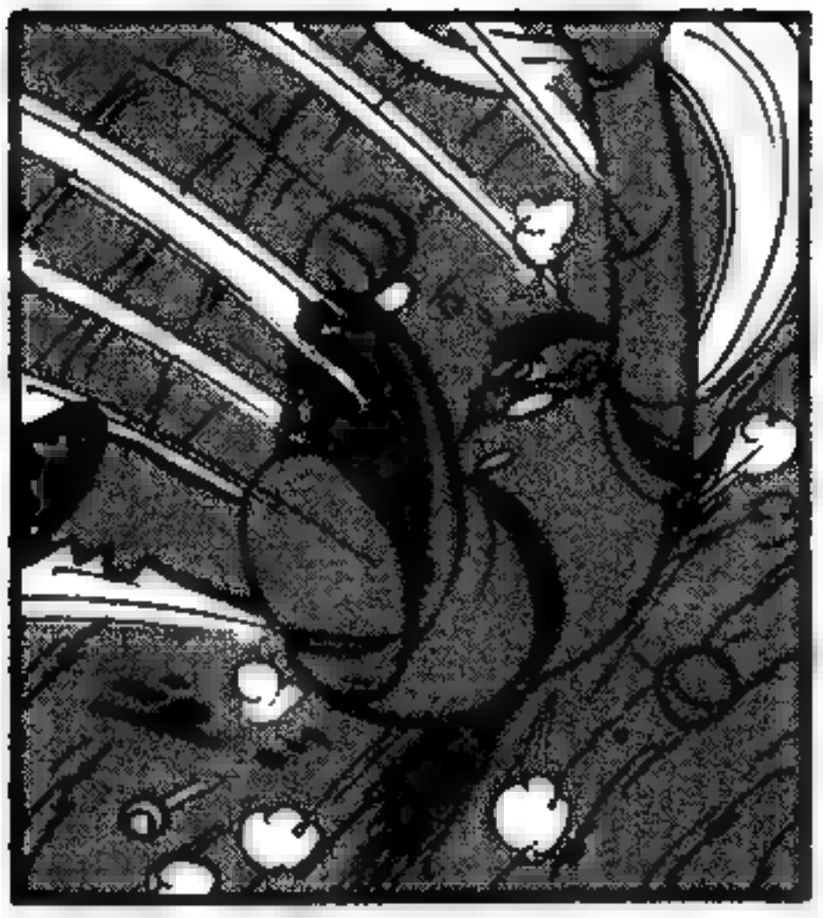
GA

ZUUN

BOOM

BOOM



SHHK
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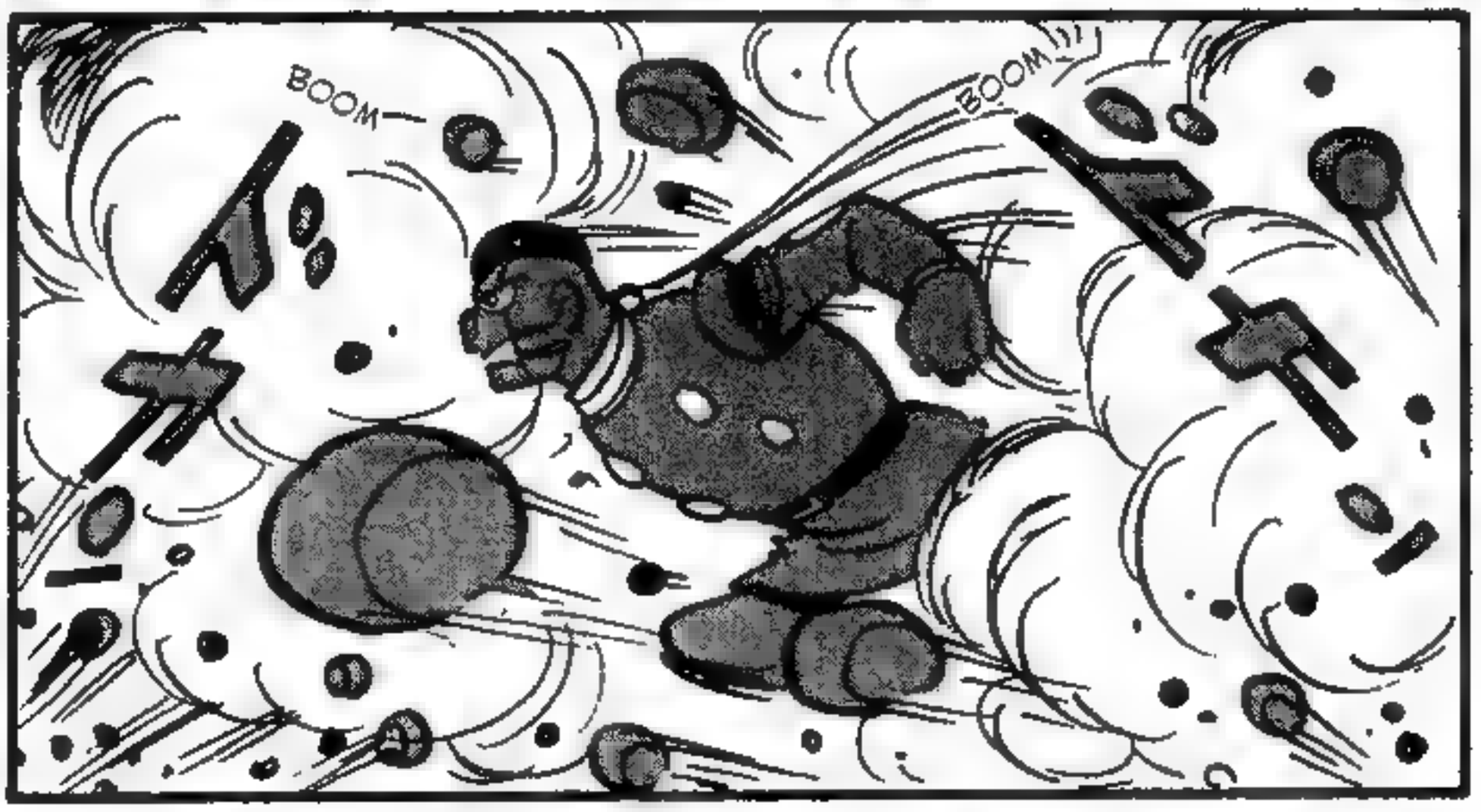
GRAB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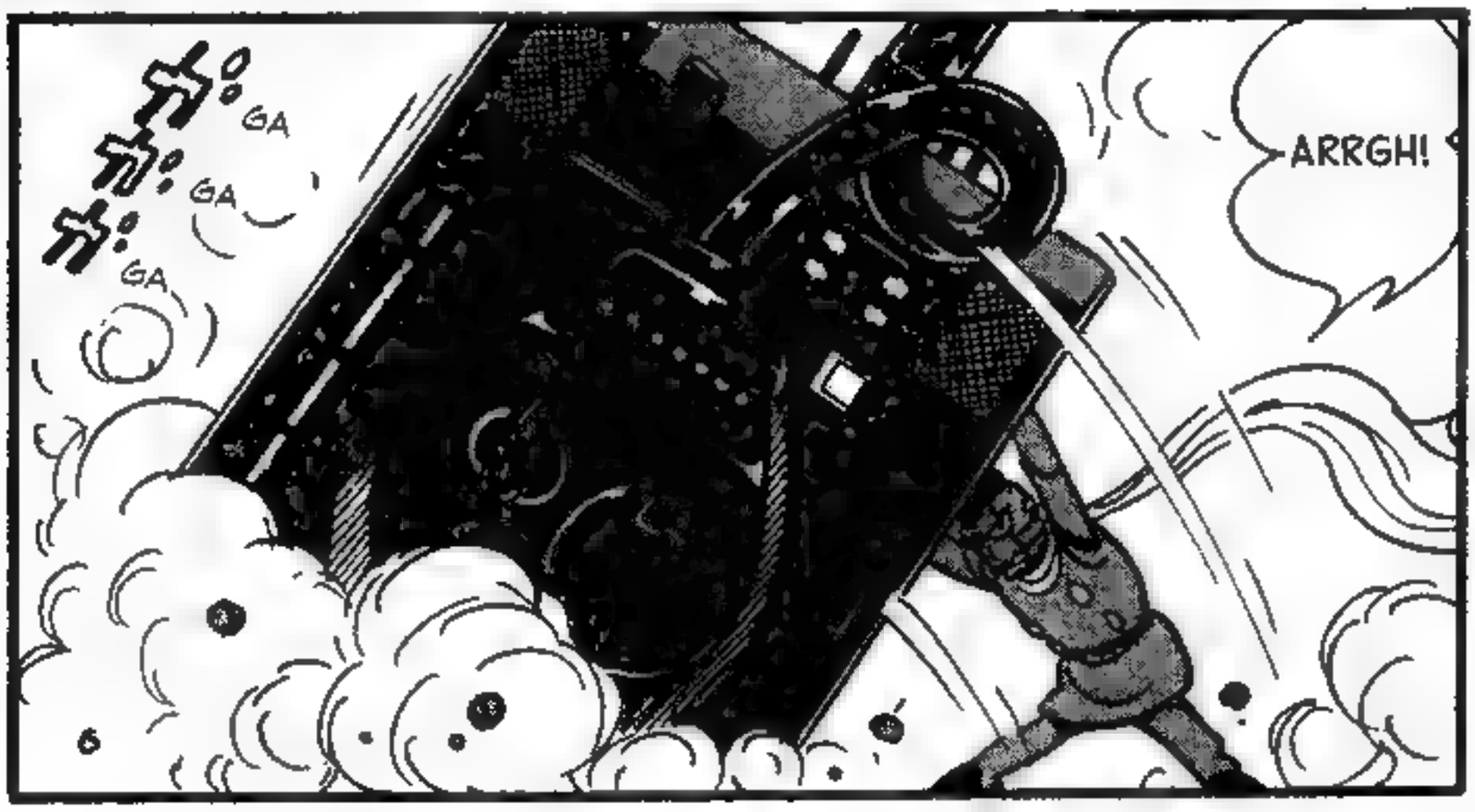
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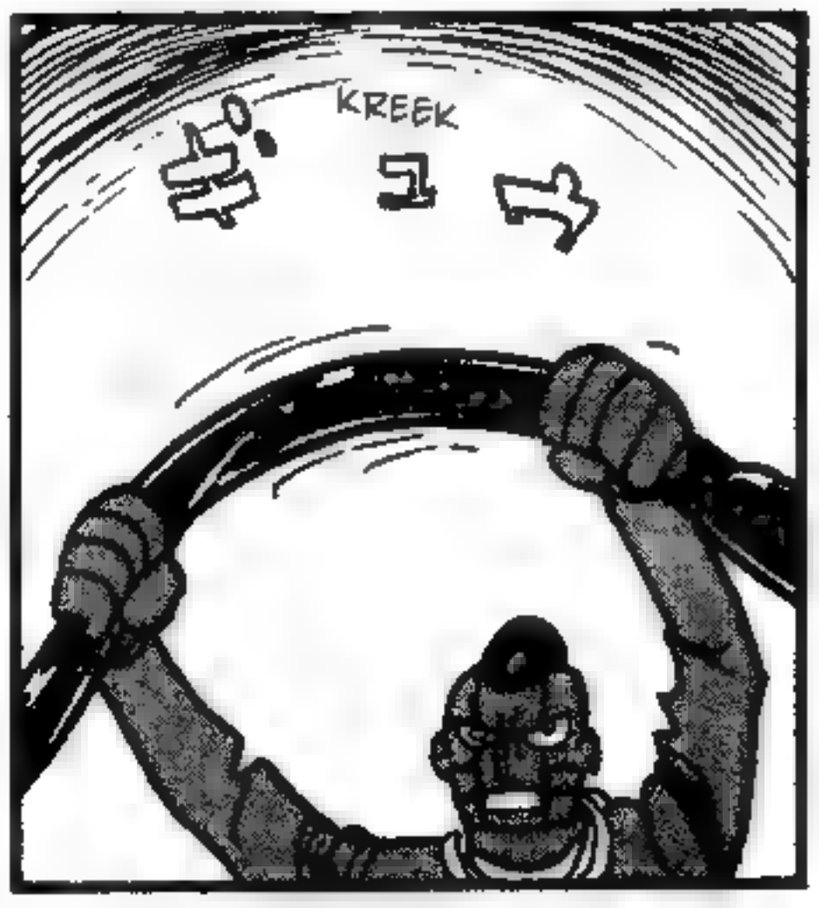
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HE'S A TANK HIMSELF.

WHOA!

UWAA!

BRAVO, 005! ENCORE! ENCORE!

A BODY OF STEEL AND THE STRENGTH OF A HUNDRED MEN.

BAM

UMPH!

KABAM

THEY JUST KEEP COMING IN DROVES.

WE'RE RATHER POPULAR, AREN'T WE?

IT'S A WAR TO THEM?

THEY'VE SUR-ROUNDED US.

SHE LOOKS FIT TO ME.

HEY, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

BESIDES THAT, WE HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR THE TIKE, GRAMPS AND THE GIRL.

IT'S TIME TO THINK!

WHAT?

YOU SHUT UP!

OKAY!

IF WE STAY HERE MUCH LONGER, THINGS ARE GOING TO GET UGLY.

LET'S HEED 001'S WARNING.

ANY OTHER PLANS?

WE MAY BE POWERFUL...

...BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY OVER-POWER US.

THE MORE WE FIGHT THEM, THE MORE THEY LEARN ABOUT US. SHORTLY, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLOIT OUR WEAKNESSES.

THEY KNOW OUR STRENGTHS... HOW WE WORK...HOW WE ADAPT.

MY MAIN CONCERN IS THAT THEY ARE THE ONES THAT MADE US.

WHAT?

SHH.

WHAT NOW?

DAMN THOSE SCIENTISTS! WE SHOULD'VE BUMPED 'EM OFF WHEN WE HAD THE CHANCE!

GRR

YOU HAVE A POINT THERE, DIAPER.

WE'VE GOT BIGGER PROBLEMS THAN A BAT.

FLAP

FLAP

FLAP

FLAP

FLAP

Surrender now! There's no escaping us!

A TALKING BAT! WHAT NEXT?!

Cyborgs!

BLAM

SINK YOUR TEETH IN THIS!

BA BA BA

The only way you'll get out alive...

...is as our prisoners!

WHERE ARE YOU?

...are improving nicely.

004, I'm glad your combat skills ...

You'll never get us all!

FLAP FLAP

We are everywhere.

OH YEAH?

CHEW ON THESE!

Wa ha ha ha ha!

BLAM

Give up.

Wa ha ha ha ha.

WAIT...

ONCE AGAIN, 004, YOU CLEARED THE ROOM.

SHHH

IS IT A SUBMARINE?

ZA

ZA

WHAT'S IT NOW?

IT'S COMING BY SEA.

SPLASH

WA

HA

HA

HA

HA

WA

Give up.

Give up.

BUDDA

BUDDA

THERE'S TOO MANY OF THEM.

RAAK

THAT IS TROUBLE.

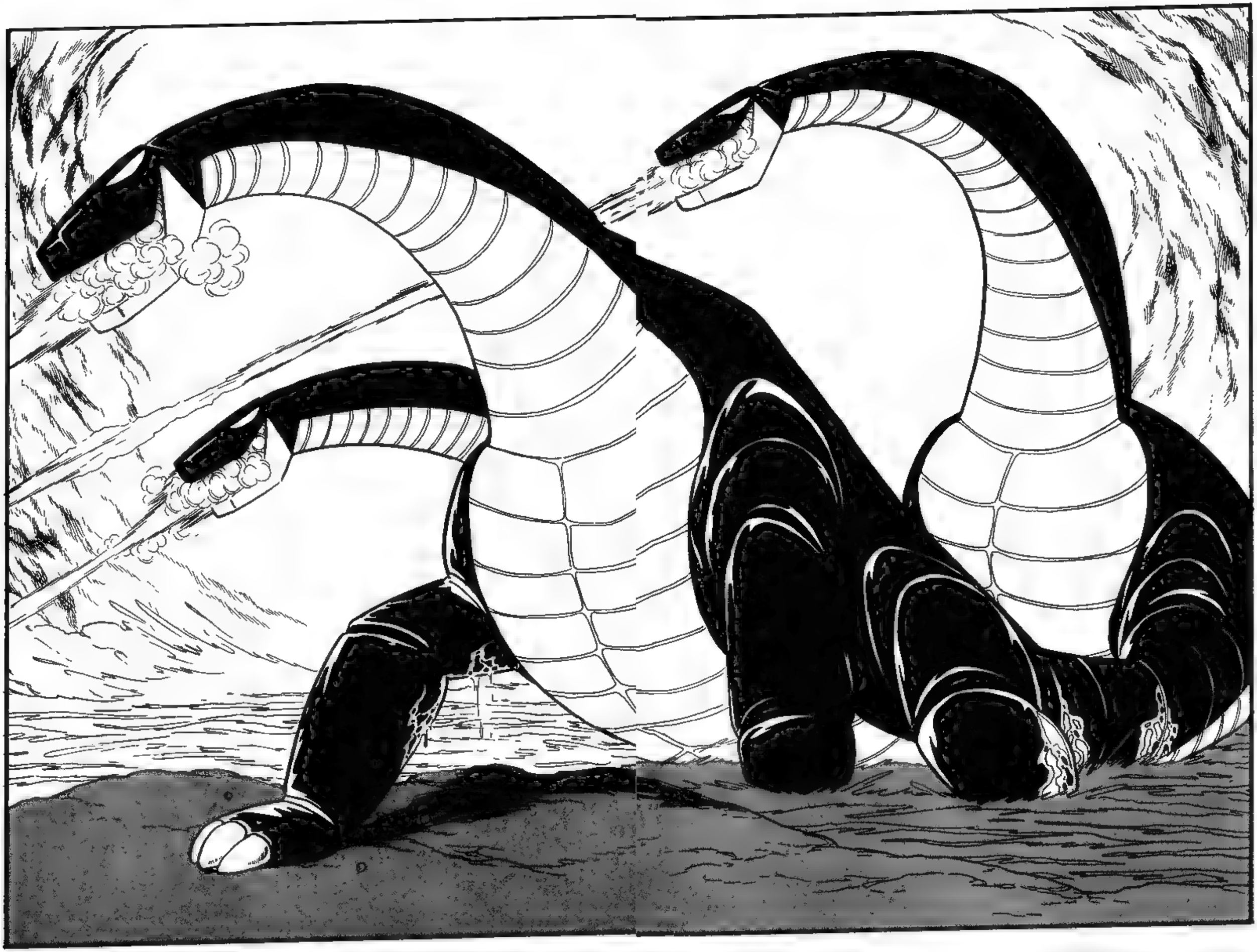
WH... WHAT IS THAT?!

BOOM

WSSH

SHUU

AND HE'S ARMED TO THE TEETH.



C'MON! YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT!

GACHAK

SHUU

BUDDA

BUDDA

BANG

BANG

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

ARGH!

THEY TALK TOO?

KREEN

RAK

Bwa ha ha!

You've felt our power. Are you ready to surrender?

SHUPAA

WHAT?

BOOM

GARA
DO
DO
GARA
DO
DO
GARA
DO
TAKE COVER!
DO.

GOTCHA!

ACCELERATE, 002!

カチッ CHAK

カチッ CHAK

DO

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DO

OKAY!

GO! GET OUT OF HERE!

TAKE 001, 003 AND THE DOC TO SAFETY!

THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM.

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS?

OKAY, HOLD OUT HERE.

THEY'RE GETTING CRUSHED!

HUH?

DON'T! YOU'LL JUST GET TRAPPED WITH THEM!

CHAK

CHAK

AAH!

DON'T WORRY, THEY CAN TAKE IT.

HMM...

UNDER THERE.

WHERE IS EVERYONE ELSE?

WE'RE FINE. A FEW BRUISES MAYBE.

ARE YOU OKAY?

HEY!

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SHUU!!
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HE
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HE...

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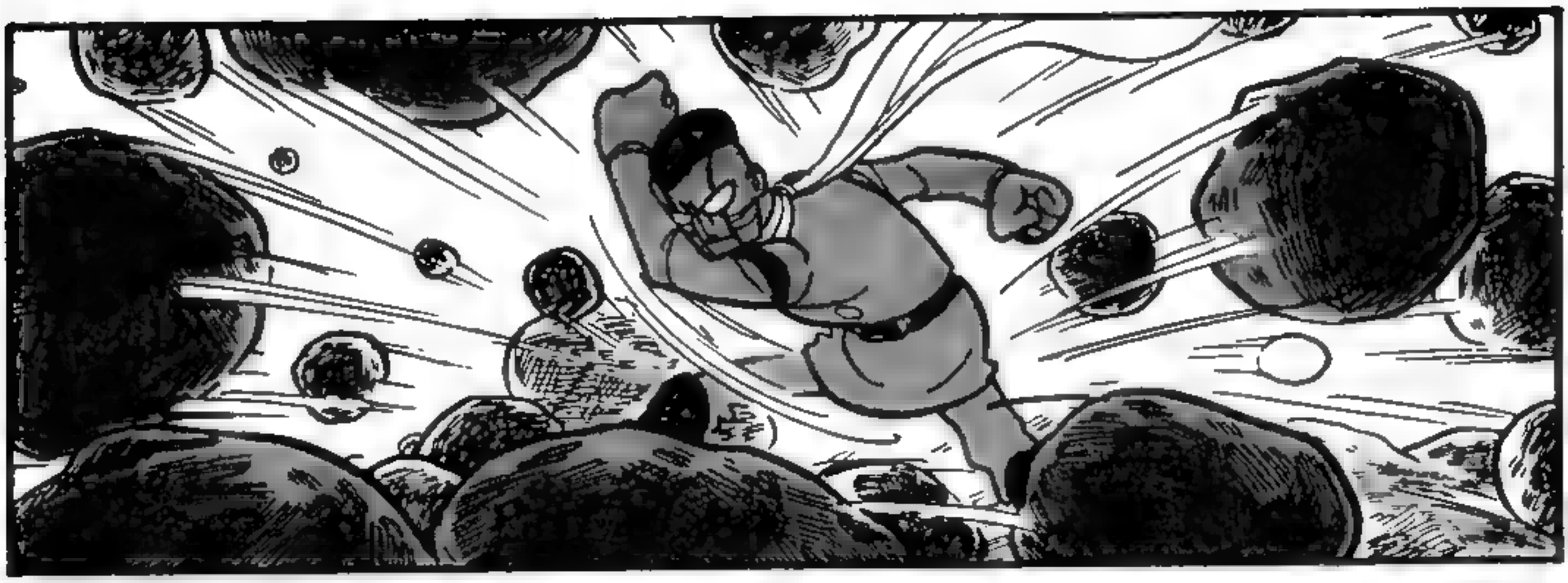
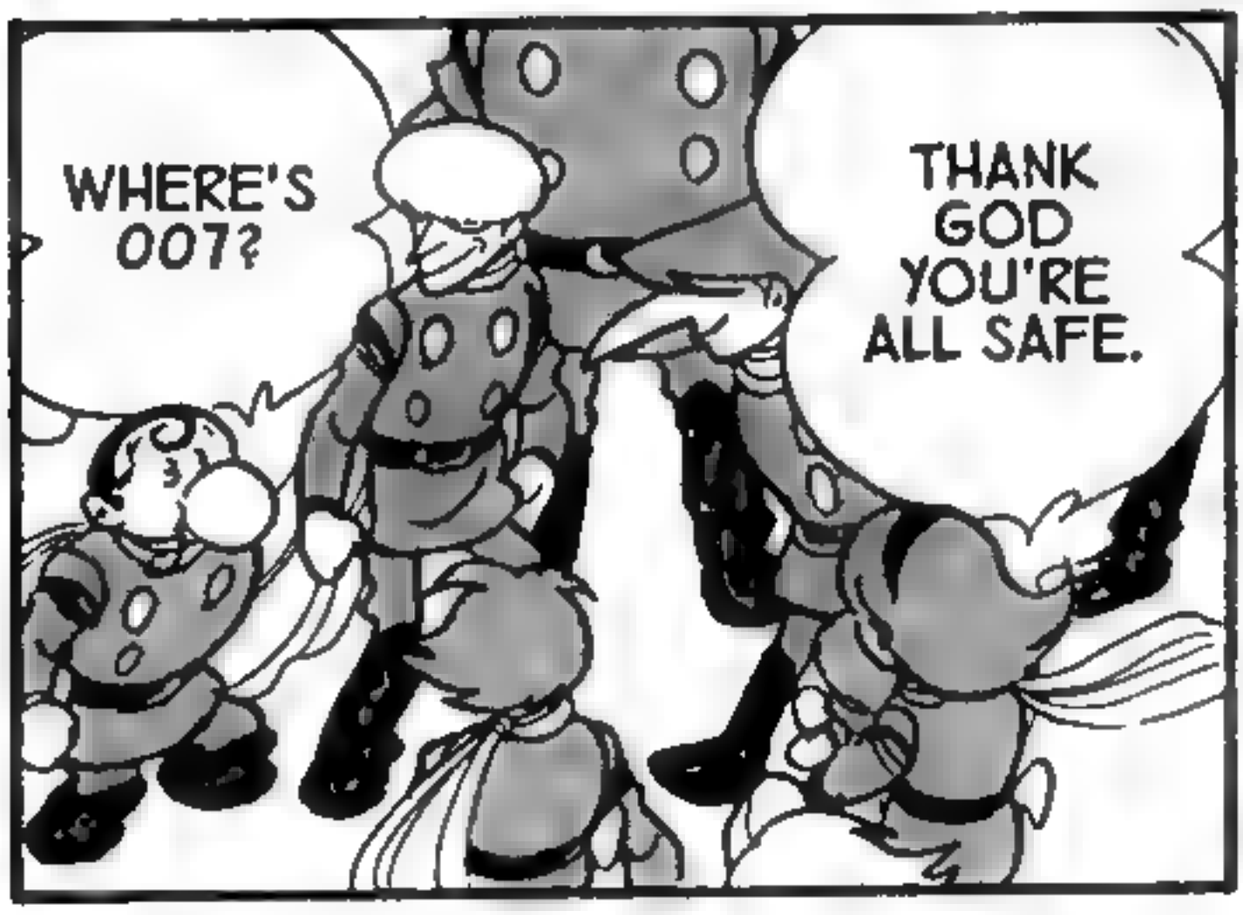
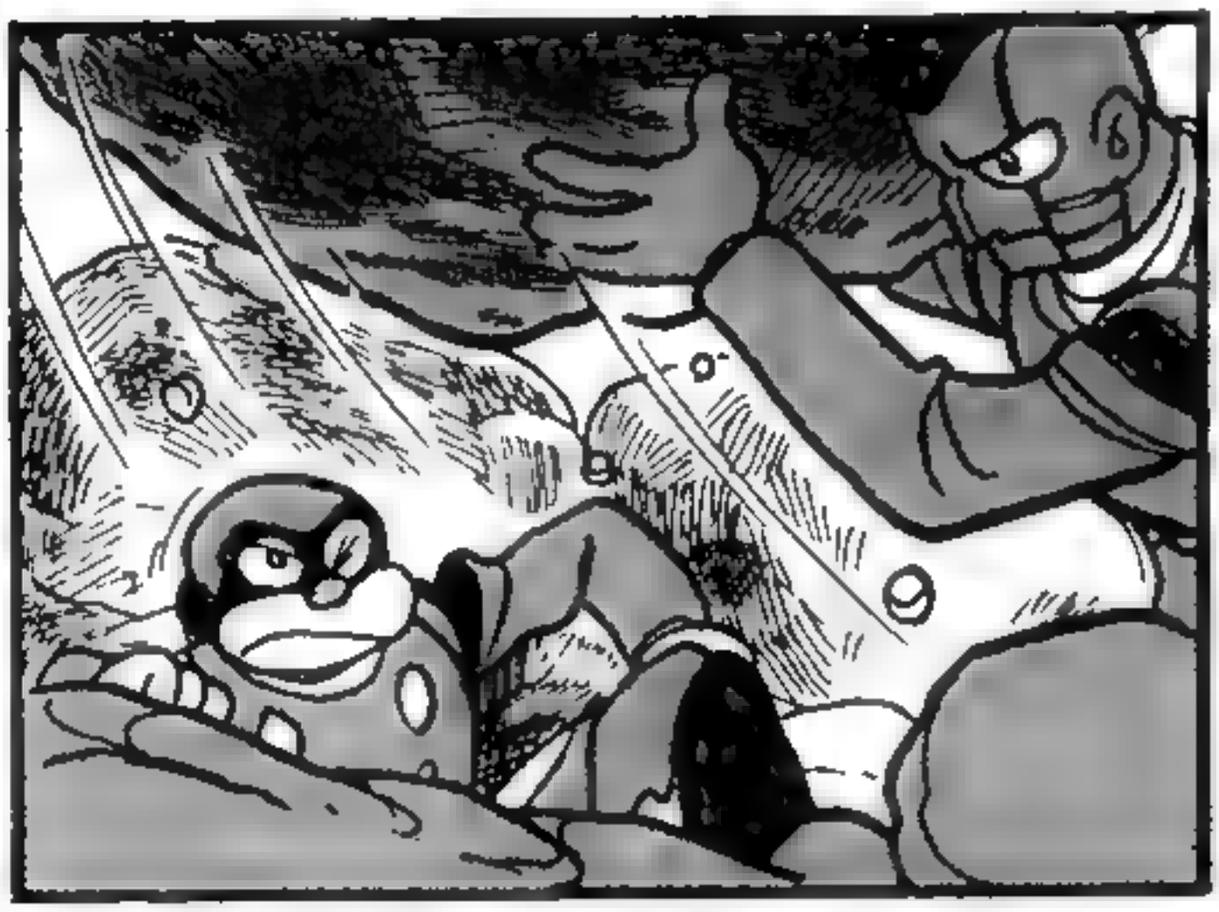
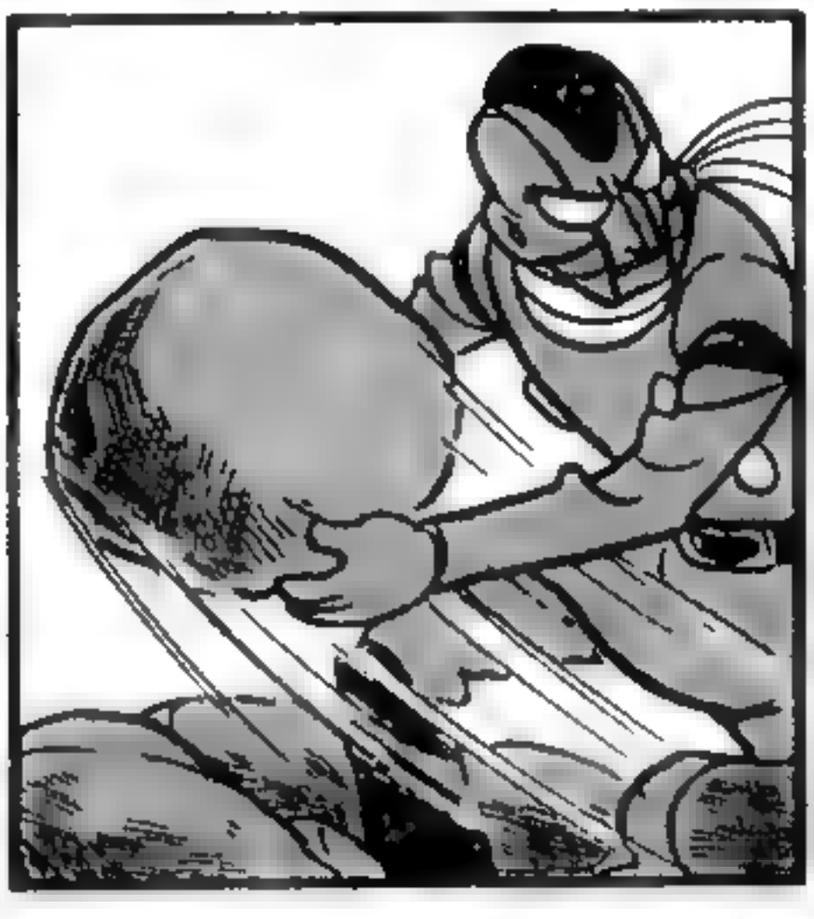
BOK

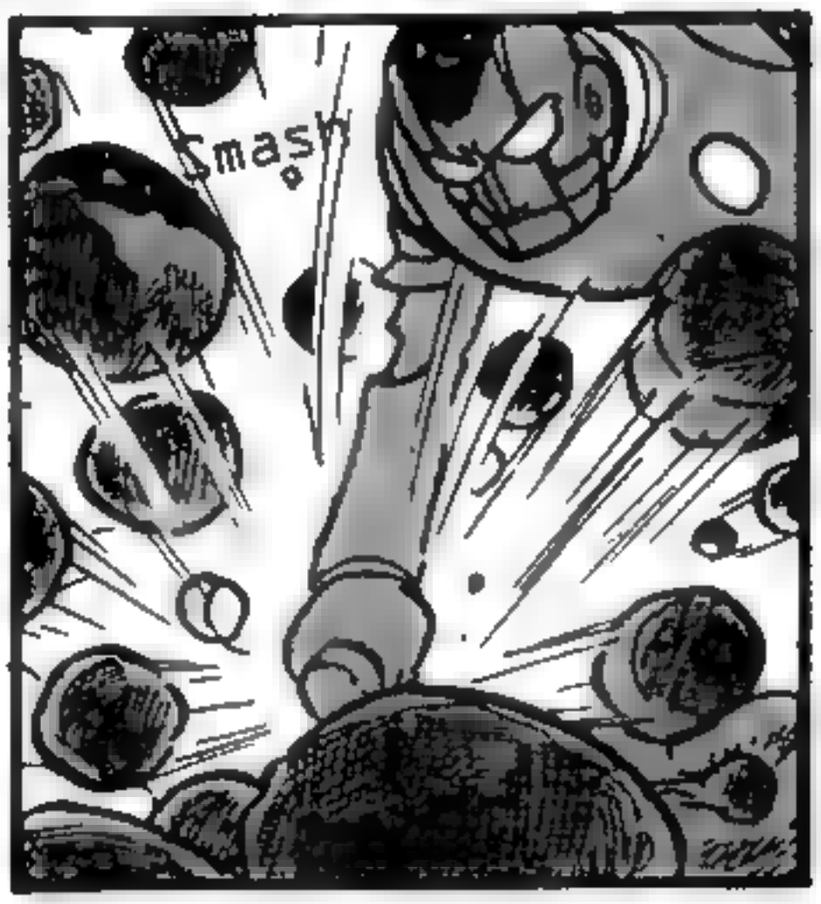



WHERE'S 007?
THANK GOD YOU'RE ALL SAFE.



EASY, CHIEF! IT'S ME!

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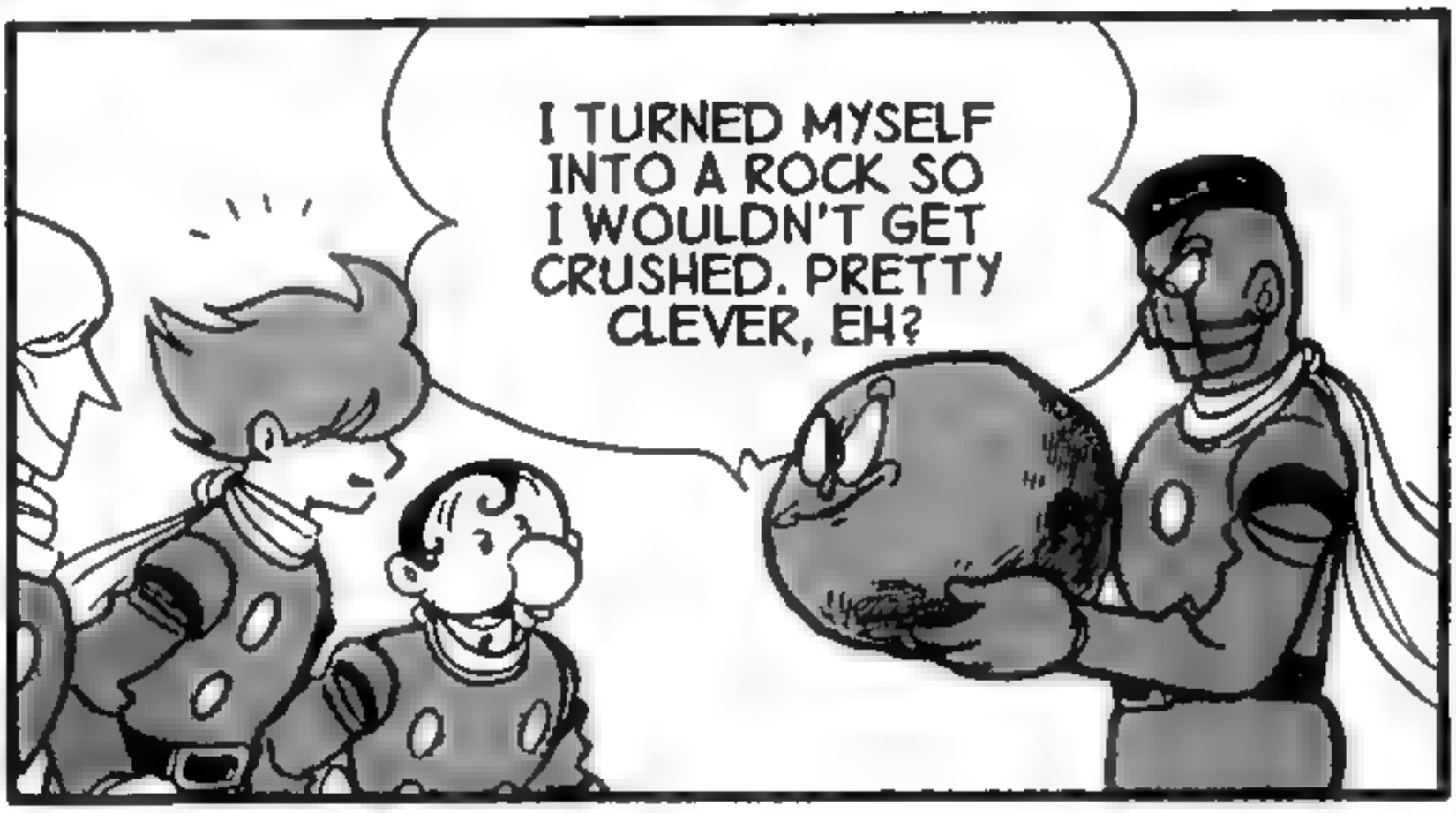
YEAH.
BUT... DAMN THAT WAS CLOSE!


I TURNED MYSELF INTO A ROCK SO I WOULDN'T GET CRUSHED. PRETTY CLEVER, EH?

I THINK WE OWE THE BLIGHTER A BIT OF HIS OWN MEDICINE!

BEST THING YOU'VE SAID ALL DAY!

-10 カ

BAK

KACHAK

WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND, FRIENDS.

SO, THEY LIKE TO FIRE MISSILES AT US, HUH?

005, SEE IF YOU CAN GET THAT BEAST TO OPEN ITS MOUTH.

YOU GUYS JUST GONNA STAND AROUND AND WATCH?

NOW!

SHPAA

WAAN-

SHUU

HOLD ON.

HAH! ONE DOWN, TWO TO GO!

BOOM

SHUUM

YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN.

THIS ONE'S MINE!

KEE

WE DON'T CALL HIM 'JET' FOR NOTHING!

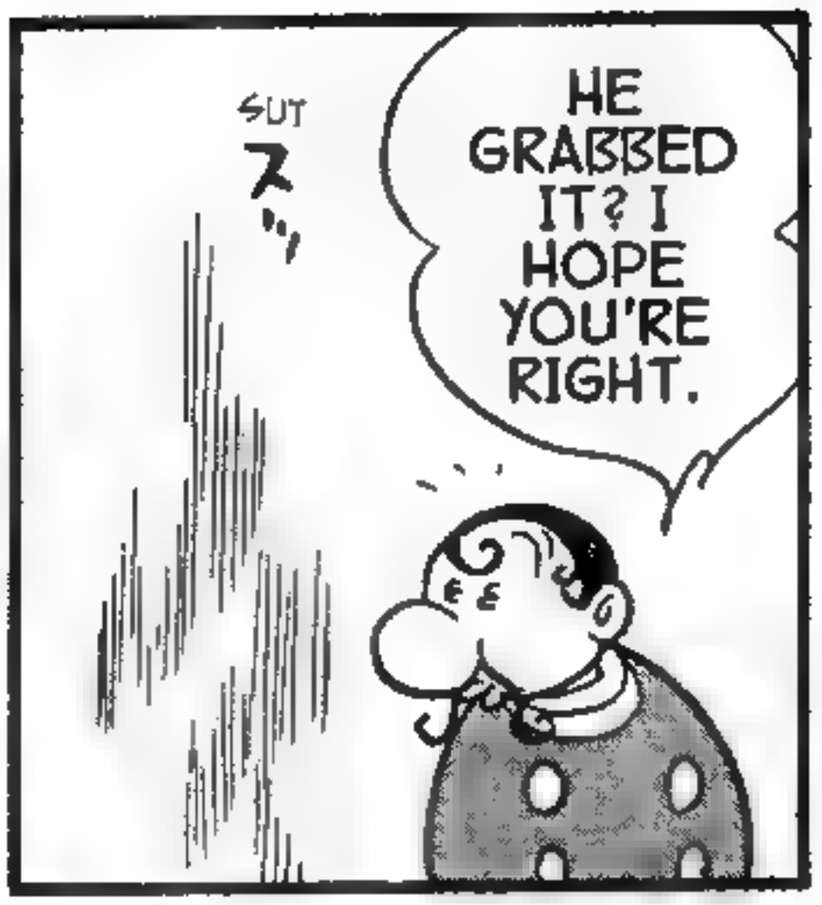
HE CAN FLY!

NO, HE JUST GRABBED IT AND DISAP-PEARED.

OH NO! HE'S HIT!

ZUT

BAM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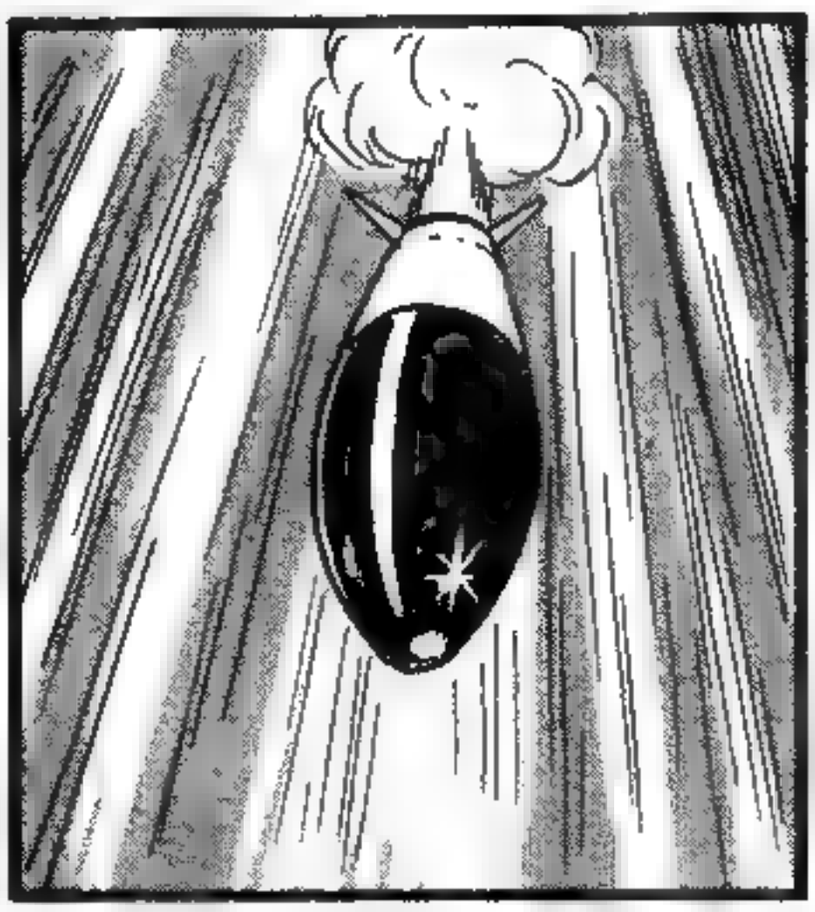
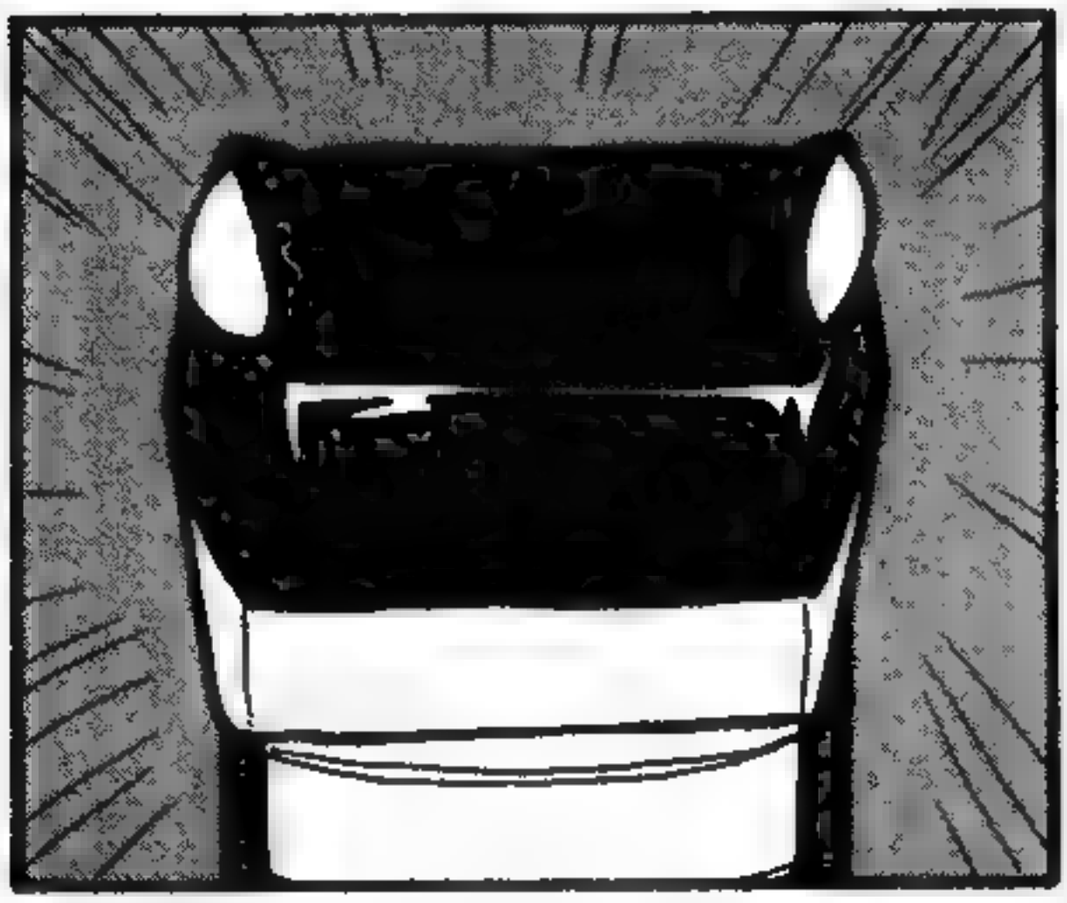
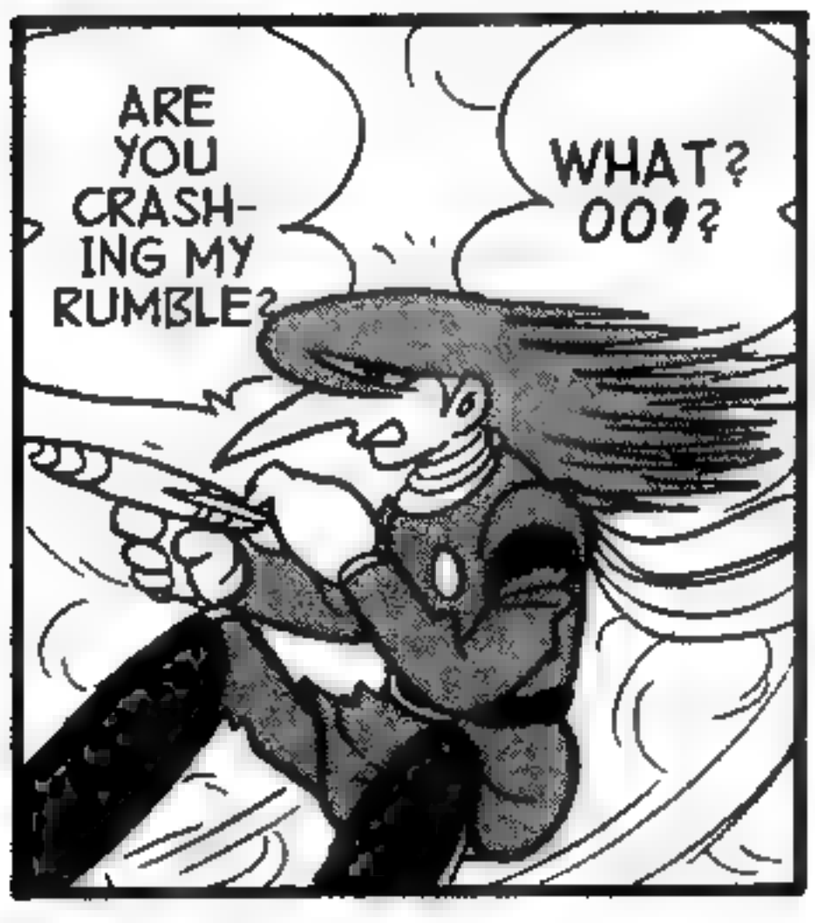
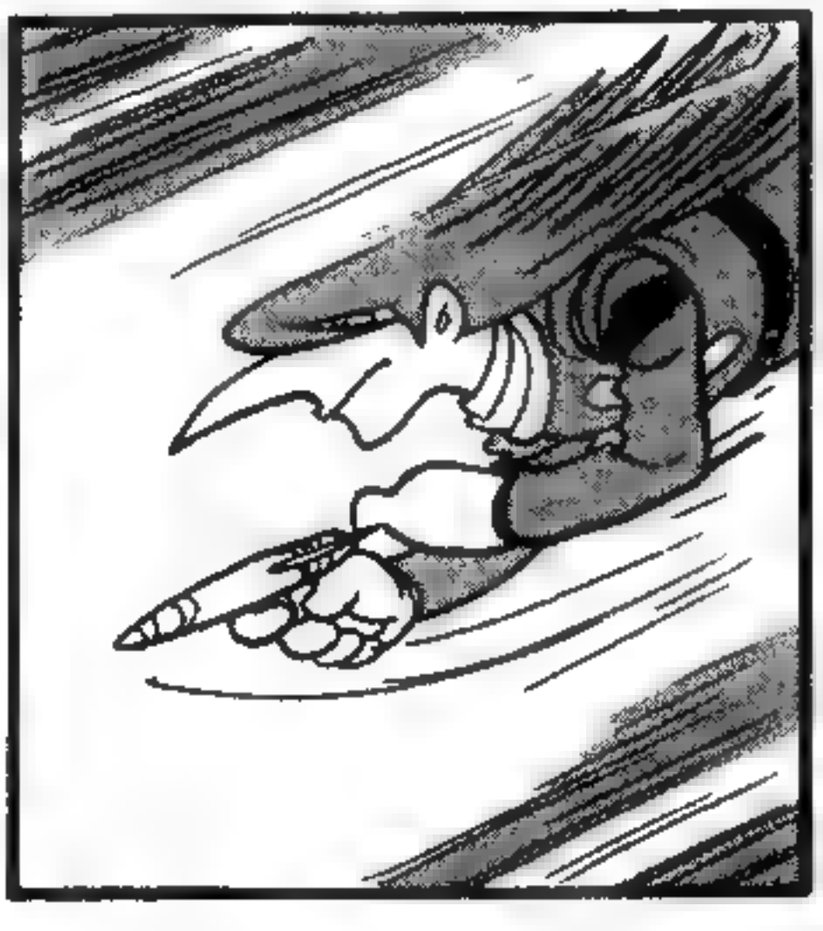
HE GRABBED IT? I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT.






ARE YOU CRASH-ING MY RUMBLE?
WHAT? OO9?



KACHAK

LET'S DANCE!

JUST RIDING SIDECAR, SLICK.

HYŪUN

WAAN

RAAK

IF I PUT THE MISSILE IN BACK-WARDS...

NAH, HE'S HAVING A BLAST!

LOOKS LIKE 009'S HAVING A HARD TIME.

BADDA

BAAM

KABOOM

BY SEA?

THE FLYING WINGS HAVE ALL BEEN DESTROYED. ESCAPE BY AIR IS NO LONGER AND OPTION.

WE SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE IT GETS ANY WORSE.

THE HARDER THEY FALL!

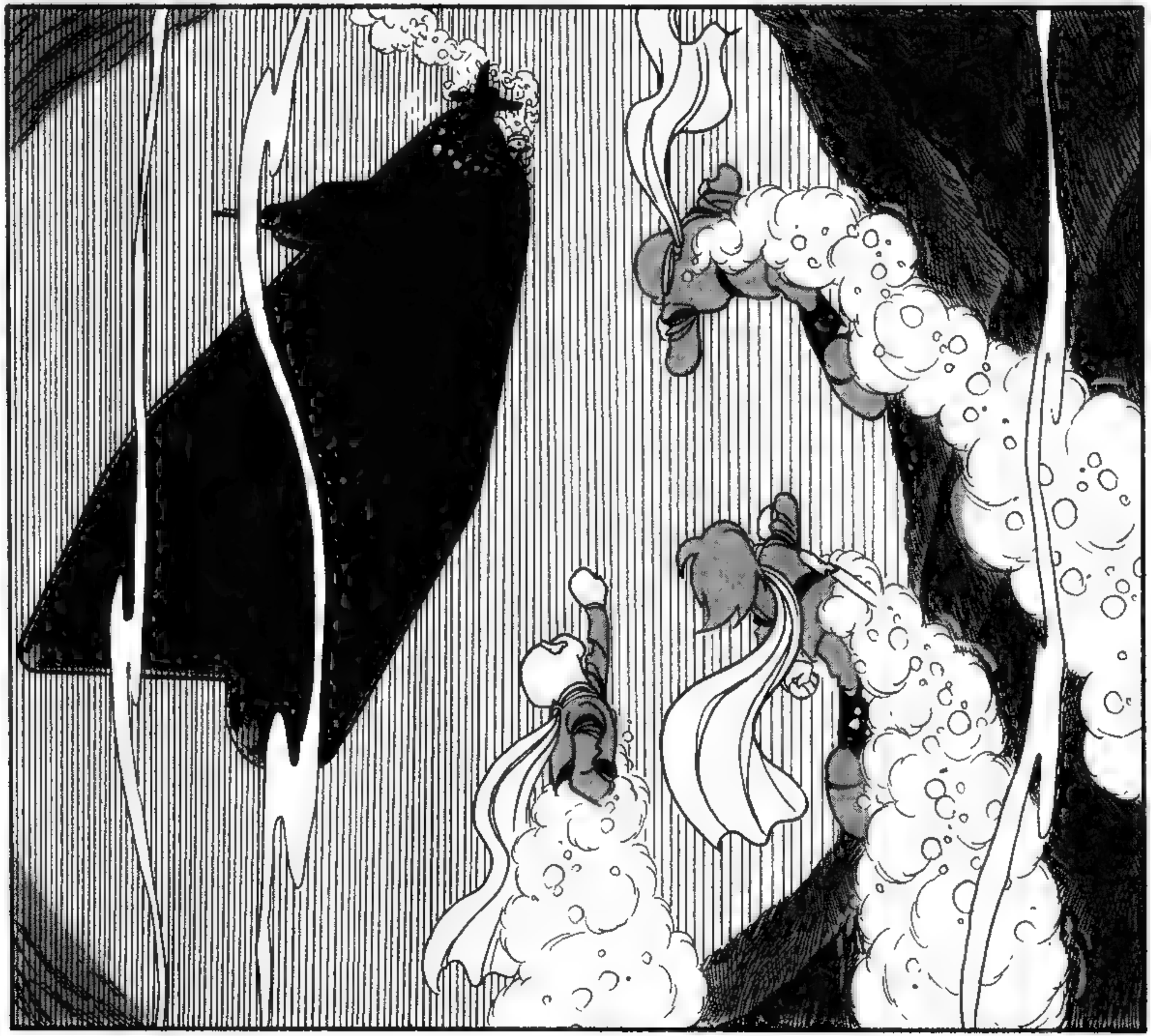
YES, BUT THERE ARE STILL PLENTY LEFT STANDING.

YOU THREE PROCURE OUR ESCAPE VESSEL.

007, 008, 009...

LET'S NICK A SUB AND DO A BUNK THROUGH THE CHANNEL.

YEAH, THE OCEAN LOOKS LIKE OUR BEST BET.



CHAPTER 8
ESCAPE BY SEA
(PART ONE)

FLAP
FLAP
OH NO!
ANOTHER BAT!

007, 008, 009...

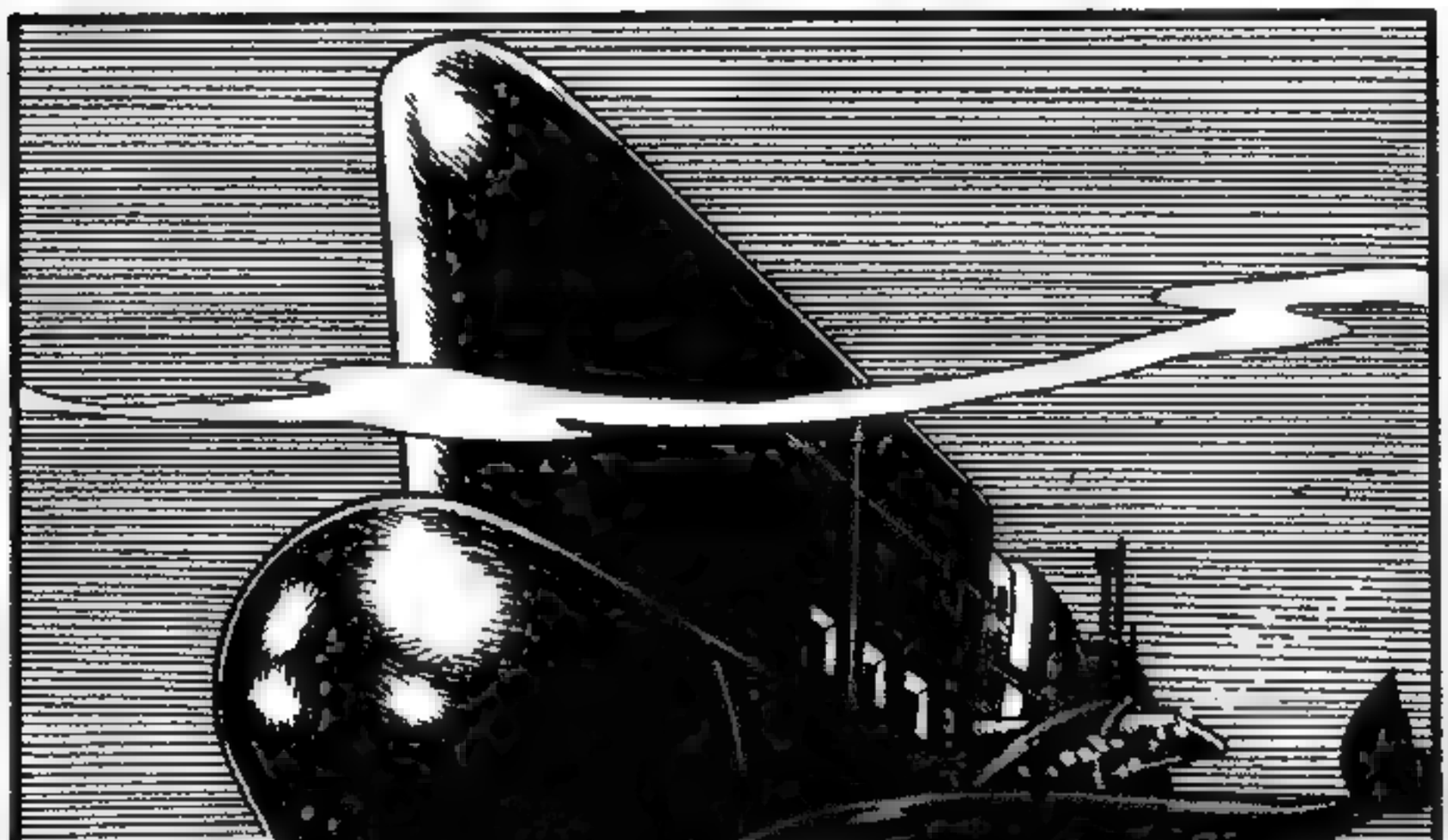
I'M COUNTING ON THEM BEING SPOTTED.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, 003.

DO YOU THINK IT SAW THEM DIVE INTO THE WATER?

GOTCHA, BOSS!

FOLLOW MY DIRECTIONS.



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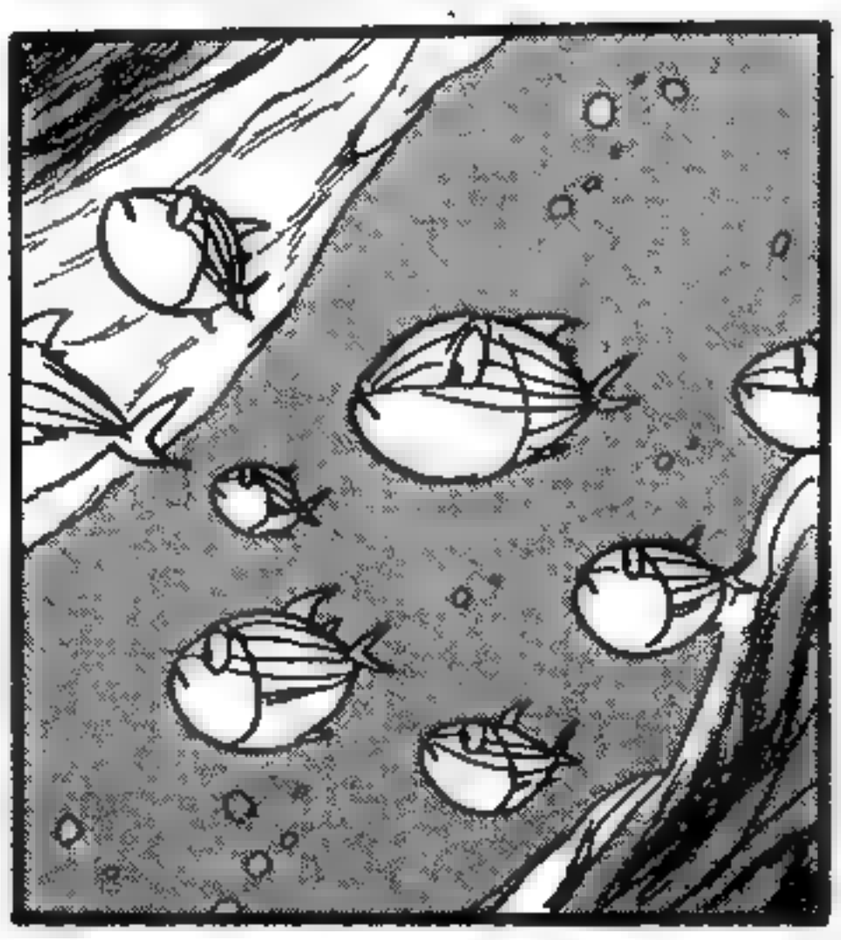


Eh...

There's three of them! Over there!

Yeah!

The cyborgs are here.

Hey, did you guys hear that? Sounded like a scream.

This way.

Let's get 'em!

C'mon!

LET'S GO!

OKAY 008 AND 009, DO YOUR THING!

GOOD LUCK.

SEE YA.

I'LL TRANSMIT A SIGNAL.

THREE CYBORGS DOVE INTO THE SEA.

HOPE I REMEMBER MY MORSE CODE...

Dot, dot, dash, dot, dash, dash...

WE'RE BEING ORDERED TO SURFACE. THE CYBORGS ARE ASCENDING.

YES.

WHAT IS IT? A NEW MESSAGE?

BEEP

BEEP

ROGER.

KLAK

OKAY, PREPARE TO SURFACE.

IT'S TRUE.

WHAT?

BLUB

BLUB

BLUB

SPLASH

ZA

ZA

ZA

ZAAA

PUT YOUR HANDS UP.

DON'T MOVE.

KLANK

WHAT?

HEH, WHY DON'T YOU PUT YOUR HANDS UP?

GOOD, NOW GET INSIDE.

DROP YOUR GUNS.

KLAK

KLAK

KLAK

ZUT

WE DON'T WANT ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS TO SHOW UP.

BOOM

HUH?

SHUU

STEP AWAY FROM THE CONSUL.

I'M ON IT.

ALRIGHT, I LEAVE IT IN YOUR HANDS, 008.

GAZAA

LET'S GO FOR A RIDE.

OK, NOW FOR ANOTHER SIGNAL.

Dash, dot, dash, dash, dot...

THE CYBORGS ARE SURFACING.

SPLASH

HUH?

ZUT

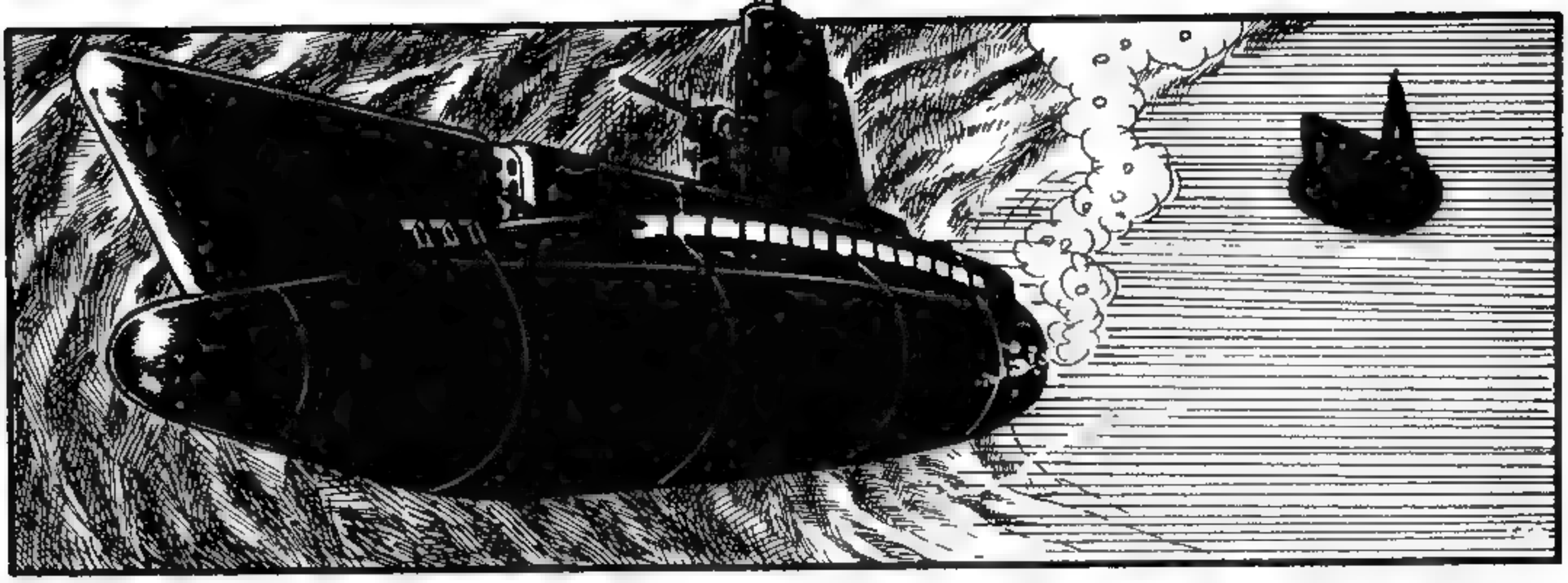
WHERE?

UH.

THIS SUB IS MINE NOW.

HAND UP, BOYS!

WHERE DID HE COME FROM?



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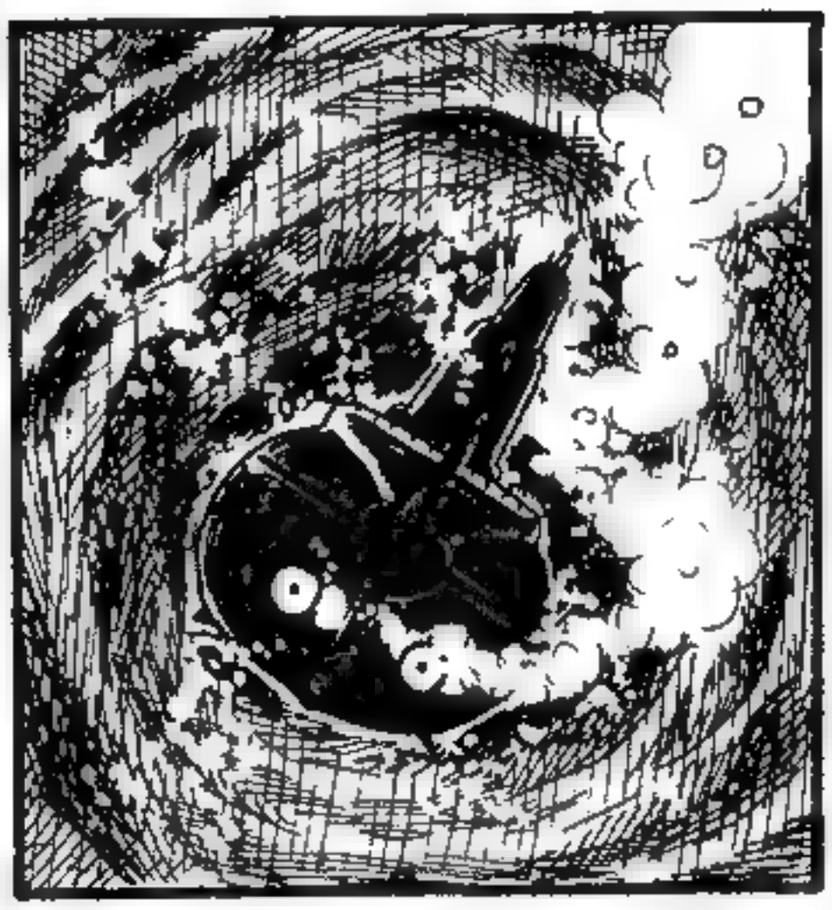
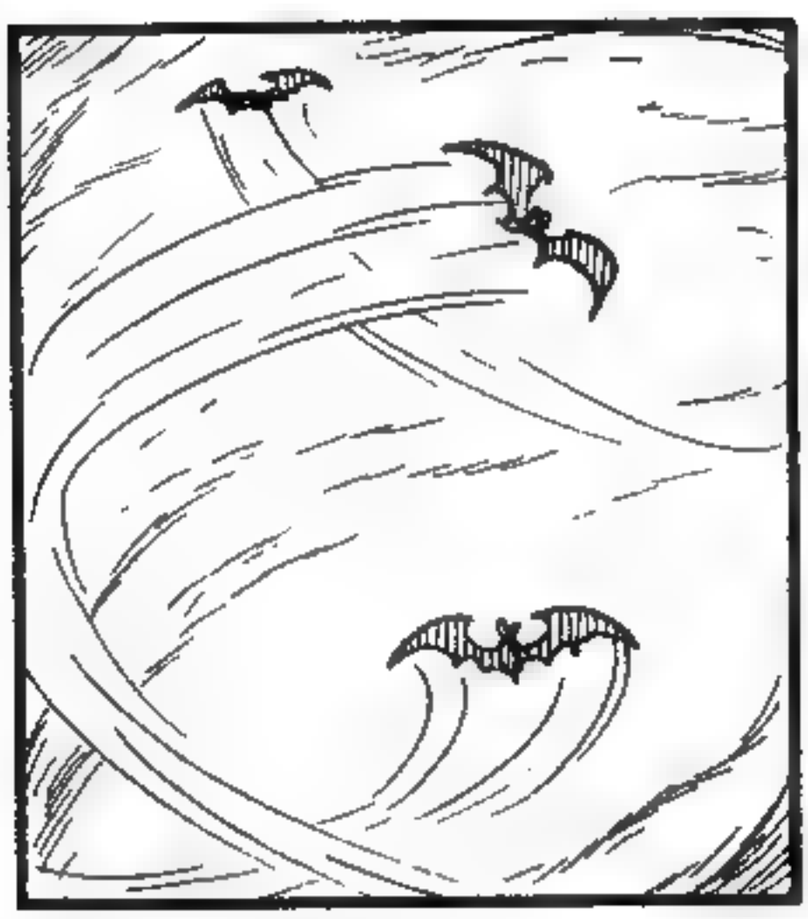
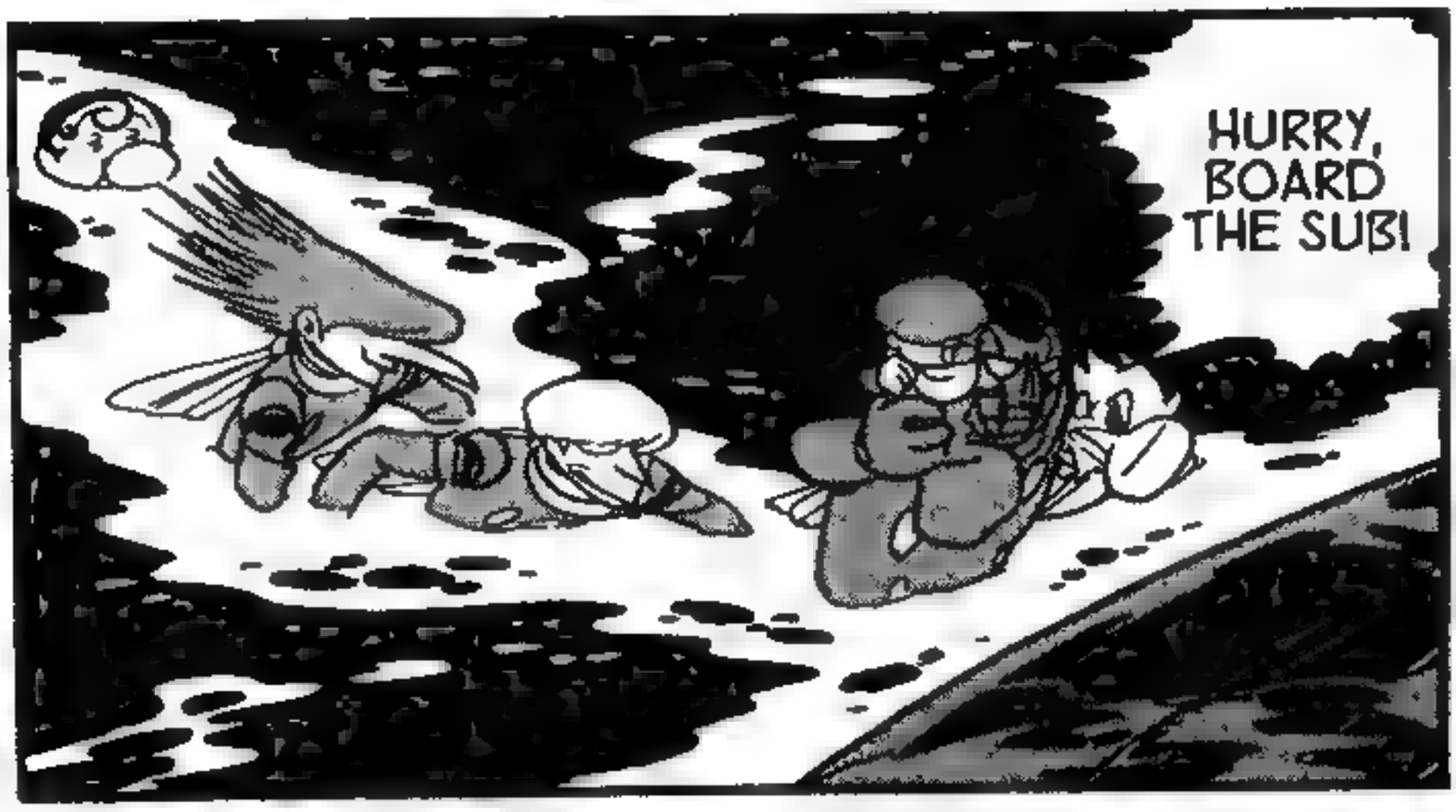


OK, BRING HER UP.




HURRY, BOARD THE SUB!

OKAY 009...

WE'RE ALL HERE.

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SUBMARINE 555 IS WAITING FOR YOU.

ADIOS, BOYS. TIME TO ABANDON SHIP.

IS THE OTHER SUB READY?.

NOW PLEASE, LOOK ME IN THE EYE.

HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR SWIM.

HELLO, SUB CREWS.

WHAT DID YOU DO TO THEM?

MINOR HYPNOSIS.

SPLASH

NOW, I BELIEVE 009 IS EXPECTING US.

ZA
ZA
ZA
HEAD OUT.
-KLANK-
HEH HEH HEH...OFF WITHOUT A HITCH.
LET'S FALL IN.
THE SHIPS ARE CHANGING COURSE.
THEY'LL BE CHASING THEIR TAILS FOR HOURS.
THEY'RE REPORTING THE THEFT OF 555.
BEEP
BEEP

WE'LL FOLLOW THEM RIGHT INTO THEIR SECRET BASE.

THINK ABOUT WHERE THEY'RE HEADED.

ARE YOU BONKERS, BABY?

WE'RE NOT GOING TO RUN?

SHUUM

SHUUM

SHUUM

SHUUM

SHUUM

TO BE CONTINUED IN CYBORG 009 VOLUME 2